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OF THE

YEARLY MEETING

OF

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MINUTES.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport, R. I., commencing on Seventh-day, Sixth Month 10th, 1882.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz. :—

From Rhode Island—Thomas Harkness, Samuel R. Buffinton, Hiram Buffinton, Asa Sisson, Obadiah Chace, Thomas B. Buffum, William H. Perry, Stephen Chace, Benjamin F. Knowles, Charles D. Kenyon, Richard S. Peckham, Nathan Chace and Robert P. Gifford.

From Salem — Albert C. Hill, Daniel C. Maxfield, Owen Dame, Olney T. Meader, Daniel Beede, William O. Newhall, Ezra Hawkes, Charles H. Jones, Moses F. Rogers, Herod Chase, James P. Boyce, Alvin Hoag and Joshua Buxton, Jr.

From Sandwich—William C. Taber, Matthew Howland, David Kelley, David S. Wood, Stephen R. Wing, Meltiah Gifford, John F. Tucker, William Thompson, Richard Davis, Jr., Gideon Gifford, Joseph Ewer, James M. Tripp, Ephraim Gifford, Nathaniel Howland and George Howland, Jr.

From Falmouth—George Douglas, Timothy Hanson, Silas H. Cartland and Charles Nichols.

From Smithfield — Richard Battey, Alfred Briggs, Jonathan F. Southwick, Abel C. Munroe, John B. Daniels, Calvin R. Rockwood and Thomas A. Wheeler.

From Vassalboro—Eli Jones, William H. Cates, Alfred H. Jones, Caleb Jones and John Jones.

From Dover—William P. Tuttle, Timothy B. Hussey, Samuel Buffum, Albert C. Buffum, Eli Meader and Oliver Meader.

FROM FAIRFIELD—Charles M. Jones, George Richardson, Isaac Warren Hawkes, Henry Winslow, Levi Jones, Joseph E. Briggs, Isaac Winslow and Paul Wing,—

whose names being called, they were all present except eleven, for the absence of five of whom, sufficient reasons were assigned.

3. Having at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Rebecca Collins and Alexander M. Purdy of New York Yearly Meeting; James R. Jones from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Caroline E. Talbott from Ohio Yearly Meeting; John P. Pennington, Amos M. Kenworthy, Micajah M. Binford, Ephraim M. Jones and Barton K. Jones from Indiana Yearly Meeting; satisfactory testimonials have been presented and read, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

4. We have also the acceptable company of Agnes Ann Bryson, a member of the Select Meeting of Edinburg Two Months Meeting, within the compass of the General Meeting for Scotland and London Yearly Meeting; Rufus and Ruth C. Hazard, Elders of Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting, Vermont, accompanying Caroline E. Talbott; Franklin S. Blair, an Elder of New Garden Monthly Meeting, N. C., accompanying James R. Jones; G. Dillwyn Baily, accompanying Amos M. Kenworthy, a member of Spiceland Monthly Meeting, Ind.; H. Katie Devol, a member of Glens Falls Monthly Meeting, New York; Josephine Devol, accompanying her sister H. Katie Devol, a member of Moreau Monthly Meeting, New York; and Amy R. Wilbour, accompanying Rebecca Collins, a member of New York Monthly Meeting; satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings have been presented and read.

5. Our beloved friends, Martha S. Stanley, an Elder, and Lydia Maria Stanley, a Minister, in the course of a social visit within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, are also acceptably in attendance of this Meeting, and have presented a Minute from Damascus Monthly Meeting, Ohio, which has been read.

6. Our beloved friend, James E. Rhoads of Philadelphia, who is in attendance of this Meeting, in the interest of the Indians west of the Mississippi, and on behalf of the Associated Executive Committee of the several Yearly Meetings, has been warmly welcomed.

7. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this

Meeting from other Yearly Meetings, with returning Minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following Friends, viz.:—William C. Taber, Eli Jones, Henry T. Wood, William Thompson, Benjamin F. Knowles and Timothy B. Hussey.

8. Truly acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Ohio have been read in this Meeting to our comfort and satisfaction. We have also received Epistles from Indiana, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings; also, one from the Monthly Meeting of Brumana, Mt. Lebanon, the reading of which is deferred to our next sitting. We appoint the following named Friends a Committee on Correspondence to prepare, as way may open, Essays of reply thereto, and for such other Yearly Meetings as are in correspondence with us, viz.:—Daniel C. Maxfield, Charles H. Jones, Meltiah Gifford, John Ellwood Paige, Isaac Winslow, Robert P. Gifford, David S. Wood, John F. Tucker, Oscar J. Morse, Samuel Buffum, Gideon Wood, William T. Collins, Benjamin F. Knowles, William Jacob, John B. Daniels, Isaac Warren Hawkes, N. Hervey Wilbur, Albert Jones and A. Chalkley Collins.

9. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz.:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that the hour for holding the Morning Meeting for worship on First-days, at Providence, is changed from 10.30 to 11, A.M. Phebe S. Anthony, an Elder, and member of Swansea Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 24th, 1882, aged 75 years, 10 months and 23 days.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that the Preparative Meeting at West Newbury has been joined to Amesbury Preparative Meeting, and the Mid-week Meeting discontinued for the present. The Meeting at Seabrook, which has been held monthly, is now wholly suspended as a regular Meeting, and placed in care of a Committee, with permission to hold Meetings there at such times as in their judgment seems best. Eliza B. Boyce, an Elder, and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died Fifth Month 11th, 1882, aged 74 years, 8 months and 18 days; Newell Ordway, a Minister, and member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 7th, 1882, aged 71 years, 7 months and 10 days; Sabina A. Paige, an Elder, and member of Weare Monthly

Meeting, died Seventh Month 11th, 1881, aged 67 years, 9 months and 28 days; and that it has united with Weare Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Herod Chase to the station of Elder.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Jane G. Fisher, and with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Meltiah Gifford to the station of Elder. Mercy K. Wing, a Minister, and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died Seventh Month 13th, 1881, aged 87 years, 5 months and 2 days; Presbury Wing, a Minister, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Twelfth Month 16th, 1881, aged 66 years, 3 months and 12 days; Betsey Akin, an Elder, also a member of the same Meeting, died Twelfth Month 18th, 1881, aged 83 years, 10 months and 6 days; William R. Taber, a Minister, and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, has been released from membership in our Society, upon his own request; Mary D. Taber, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, has removed beyond the limits of this Yearly Meeting.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that Robert Goddard, an Elder, and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died Seventh Month 25th, 1881, aged 80 years, 1 month and 3 days; John Douglas, an Elder, and member of Windham Monthly Meeting. died Seventh Month 12th, 1881, aged 53 years 4 months and 14 days; that George Douglas has been appointed Correspondent of Durham Monthly Meeting in place of Nathan Douglas resigned, address, Lisbon Falls, Maine; Calvin S. Goddard has been appointed Correspondent of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, address, Woodfords, Maine; Silas H. Cartland has been appointed Correspondent of Limington Monthly Meeting, address, East Parsonsfield, Maine.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Caroline C. Earle and Mary R. Hadwen to the station of Elder, and with the same Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Saloma C. Wheeler; Lydia B. Coe, a Minister, and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died Eighth Month 15th, 1881, aged 88 years 6 months and 2 days; Ruth Holder, an Elder, and member of Bolton Monthly Meeting, died Eighth

Month 31st, 1881, aged 86 years, 3 months and 13 days; Timothy K. Earle, a Minister, and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, died Tenth Month 1st, 1881, aged 58 years and 10 months; and that James G. Arnold has been appointed Correspondent of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, address, Worcester, Mass.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of J. Warren Starkey, and with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Phebe W. Bean to the station of Elder; Maria Nichols, an Elder, and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 16th, 1882, aged 72 years and 6 months.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William P. Tuttle and Lydia M. C. Tuttle to the station of Elder.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Howard B. Wyman, and in the appointment of Jonas Butterfield and Christina Butterfield to the station of Elder; and with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Isaac Farr to the same station; Cyrus Estes has been appointed Correspondent of St. Albans Monthly Meeting, address, St. Albans, Maine.

10. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportions of stock called for last year.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Met pursuant to adjournment.

11. George Howland, Jr., on behalf of the representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William O. Newhall for Clerk, and Timothy B. Hussey and Daniel C. Maxfield for Assistant Clerks; which nominations being severally approved, they are appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

12. Epistles from Indiana, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings and from Brumana Monthly Meeting were now read.

13. We appoint Charles D. Kenyon, John H. Crosman, Gideon Wood, Charles W. Goddard, Alfred Briggs, William H. Cates, Joseph H. Pratt and Paul Wing a Committee to prepare

a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it at our next sitting.

14. We appoint William T. Collins, Owen Dame, David S. Wood, George Douglas, Richard Battey, Caleb Jones, Samuel Buffum and Isaac Winslow a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also one for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

15. The Committee entrusted with the care of the Boarding School at Providence, have presented their Annual Report, which has been read and is satisfactory to us. The labors of the Committee, the faithfulness and devotion of the officers and teachers, the comparative exemption from sickness at the Institution during the past year, and, above all, the evident blessing which has marked its progress, are gratefully appreciated and acknowledged.

REPORT OF THE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The School Committee have again the satisfaction of reporting that the School under their care has made good progress in its work, and is, as we believe, fully up in its results to the standard of any previous year.

In the early part of the year, there was in the house one case of scarlet fever, from which the patient recovered; and one of diphtheria, that of Walter Raley, of Beverly, N. J., which terminated fatally. He died Eleventh Month 3d, 1881, from this disease, which was contracted before he came to the School. He was a youth of good promise, of upright conduct, and exemplary in the discharge of his duties and obligations as a member of the School. His mother was with him during his sickness. Since which, the health of the inmates has been, with very few slight exceptions, remarkably good.

The number of scholars in attendance has been greater than during the previous year, viz.: for the Autumn Term, 96 boys and 81 girls; and for the Spring Term, 106 boys and 77 girls.

Since our appointment, we have to report the death of one of our members, Timothy K. Earle, who deceased Tenth Month 1st, 1881. Although not many years a member of the Committee, and during most of the time in feeble health, whenever with us he took an active interest in matters pertaining to the School, and manifested that interest by efforts to promote its usefulness and efficiency. His memory is precious to us.

At a meeting of the Committee, held Ninth Month 13th, 1881, "from information received from the Principal in his communication to us at that time, he was called in, when he informed us that Ella J. Wheeler, a friend of the Institution, had offered to donate to the Yearly Meeting the sum of $30,000 in trust, the income to be applied to the payment of board and tuition of pupils in the School, under certain conditions as described or set forth by him. The subject received the thoughtful attention of the Committee, and resulted in the appointment of a Sub-Committee to take the subject into their careful consideration, ascertain whether or not the acceptance of the trust will conflict with the tenure of the property and funds now held by the Yearly Meeting for the benefit of the School, and report their judgment thereon at an adjournment of the Meeting, to be held on the 27th inst."

"At the adjourned Meeting held Ninth Month 27th, the Sub-Committee appointed at our last Meeting, relative to the proposition made to our Principal by Ella J. Wheeler, of Boston, to convey by deed of trust to our Yearly Meeting the sum of $30,000, the income to be used for the education of children at this Institution as set forth therein, have given attention to the subject, and report—

"That upon careful examination of the early records of the Yearly Meeting, the proceedings of the School Committee in the organization of the School, and also the several deeds of trust and endowment in its behalf, we find nothing in conflict with the purpose of the trust now under consideration, or which could be endangered by its acceptance, subject to the approval of our next Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee.

HENRY T. WOOD.

PROVIDENCE, Ninth Month 27th, 1881."

The Committee, after mature deliberation, accepted the trust, subject to the approval of the Yearly Meeting, and authorized the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting to receive the money, receipt for the same, and with the assistance of Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of the School Fund, to invest it, subject as before to the approval of the Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk is directed "to present to the Representative Meeting, at its next session, the articles of agreement as proposed between the donor and the Yearly Meeting; also, a copy of our Minute accepting the trust, and ask of that Meeting the privilege of using such income as may accrue upon the fund prior to our next Yearly Meeting, for the purposes set forth in said articles of agreement,"—which was done, and the privilege asked for was granted by that Meeting.

At our Meeting, Eleventh Month 1st, 1881, the attention of the Committee having been called to the propriety of investing some portion of our funds in building houses for rent on some portions of our unoccupied land, the subject was referred to a Committee to report their judgment thereon to a future Meeting.

At the Meeting, Fourth Month 4th, the Committee made the following report, viz.:—

"TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

The Sub-Committee to whom was referred the proposal to build some houses for rent, upon the school lands, for the purpose of increasing the income of the School, have carefully considered the subject, and are united in the opinion that the time has nearly come when that experiment should be tried.

But, as there exist in the minds of a few of the Committee at large, some doubts as to the authority of the School Committee to change any of the invested funds belonging to the School, without the express direction of the Yearly Meeting, we do not feel that any practical result can be reached till that question is settled.

We would therefore suggest that this matter of changing investments by the School Committee should be submitted to the Yearly Meeting in our next Annual Report, for final decision, so that the Committee may hereafter know precisely what their authority and duties in that respect are.

We are of opinion that the School Committee should be charged, if they are not so already, with the full powers of Trustees, in regard to every invested fund belonging to the School; for a crisis may occur in almost any investment when instant action may be needed to prevent loss.

No trust of this kind can be safely and wisely administered unless those in immediate charge have full power to act promptly and finally.

C. F. COFFIN,
J. H. CHACE, } *Committee.*
J. O. INMAN,

PROVIDENCE, Fourth Month 4th, 1882.

The following list comprises the names of the Officers of Government and Instruction for the year ending Sixth Month 27th:—

Augustine Jones, A.M., Principal, and Political Science.
Walter S. Meader, A.B., Governor, and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess, and English Studies.
Thomas J. Battey, A.B., Natural Science.
J. Myron Potter, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
Seth K. Gifford, A.M., Greek and Latin.
Henry Wood, Ph.D., English Literature and German (Autumn Term).
John H. Gifford, A.B., Assistant Governor.
Benjamin W. Wells, Ph.D., English Literature and German.
Jean E. Guilbert, French.
Albert A. Stanley, Instrumental Music.
Bessie T. Wing, French, History and Literature.
Mary Amy Collins, English Studies.
Mary E. Holder, Reading and Elocution.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Lizzie C. Perry, Secretary and Book-keeper.
Alice M. Jones, Librarian.

The income and payments on the Yearly Meeting School Fund, by the Treasurer's account, have been —

GENERAL FUND.

Income for the year	$6,186 24	
Income from funds in the hands of Yearly Meeting Treasurer	45 00	
Received for return insurance premium	207 50	
		$6,438 74

PAYMENTS.

Paid insurance premium	$533 50	
Paid Augustine Jones, Principal	5,905 24	
		$6,438 74

CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance on hand last year	$1,001 56	
Income on Fund	2,313 48	
		$3,315 04

PAYMENTS.

Paid school bills	$2,375 00	
Balance to new account	940 04	
		$3,315 04

From the account of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, we learn that he has received, including

Balance on hand last year	$37 35	
From dividend on bonds	45 00	
From sale of four bonds, by order of Committee	4,600 00	
		$4,682 35

And that he has paid

Thos. Harkness, Treasurer of School Fund	$45 00	
Augustine Jones, on his draft	4,246 41	
For printing and record book	2 85	
Balance to new account	388 09	
		$4,682 35

The accounts of the Principal present the following items of receipt and expenditure: —

RECEIPTS.

Income from board and tuition	$38,972 91	
Rec'd from Thos. Harkness, Treas. of School Fund	5,905 24	
Received from Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, from "Elizabeth Fry Fund"	582 50	
Received from Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, from "Philip J. Tripp Fund"	100 40	
		$45,561 05

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of teachers and officers	$12,142 79	
Provisions	14,105 64	
Wages for labor and servants' hire	6,122 32	
Repairs and replacements, including renewal of plumbing and laying of water pipe extension	5,504 42	
Fuel	1,771 25	
Light	957 95	
Water	454 48	
Library and periodicals	309 21	
City tax on school property for 1881	2,848 40	
City of Providence betterment assessment, Brook St.	754 50	
Incidentals, including medicines and postage	337 70	
Remaining to credit of account	252 39	
		$45,561 05

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School remain the same as last year, viz.: —

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$125 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting	225 00
For all others who may be admitted	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars, each, to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing.

With feelings of gratitude and thankfulness to our Father in Heaven, for the many mercies and favors vouchsafed during the year, we conclude, commending the Institution, with its varied interests, to His continued regard and protection, to the fostering care of the Yearly Meeting, and to the patronage of parents, and others having children under their charge, for whom they desire a guarded education.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Boarding School, Providence, Fifth Month 30th, 1882.

Note. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 6th, 1882, and closes Third Month 21st, 1883. The Spring Term begins Third Month 28th, 1883, and closes Sixth Month 26th, 1883.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 1st of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, AUGUSTINE JONES, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R.I.

Upon careful consideration of the endowment of the sum of thirty thousand dollars, as explained in the Report, this Meeting accepts the Trust thereby created, to be designated as the "Elizabeth Fry Fund," which fund is to be kept separate and distinct from other funds of the Institution. Our Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of this Meeting to ratify and confirm the Deed of Trust interchangeably with the donor, and to sign the same and affix the corporate seal of this Meeting thereto.

16. As it is desirable and important that some persons should have authority to act in cases of donations to the School when this Meeting is not in session, it is now decided and agreed, that hereafter the School Committee, for the time being, shall have power and authority to accept donations, bequests and trusts in the name and behalf of the Yearly Meeting, made for the use or benefit of the Boarding School, such donations not being incompatible with previous trusts or with the objects of the Institution; and also, to make and execute all papers needful therefor in the name of the Yearly Meeting. And our Treasurer is authorized and directed to sign, seal and execute in the name of the Yearly Meeting all papers and documents needful by said Committee in the acceptance of such trusts, the Women's Yearly Meeting concurring.

17. We have also considered at this time the propriety of giving to the Committee in charge of the School the management of the funds belonging to the Institution, and we now conclude to authorize and empower the Committee, in future, to take the special charge of investing and re-investing all funds and property now belonging, or that may hereafter belong, to the School. And the Treasurer of the School Funds and the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting are each directed to inform the Committee fully, upon request, respecting the investment of all School Funds in their hands, and make such changes in any and all investments as the Committee shall direct, and pay and turn over all such property and funds upon the order of such Committee.

Our action at this time, in giving to the School Committee, for the future, authority to accept trusts and donations for the School. and also to invest and manage the Funds of the Institution, is taken with the desire of aiding the Committee, and adding to its efficiency; but with the intention, nevertheless, of withdrawing this authority, and again resuming the direct control of the Funds and property, should the Yearly Meeting, at any time, deem such a course desirable or proper, the Women's Yearly Meeting uniting herein.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, Second-day Morning.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, THE 12TH.

The Meeting again assembled.

18. An Epistle from Western Yearly Meeting received since our last session, was now read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

19. Upon the further consideration of the Report of the Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, presented at our last session, we conclude to present to Ella J. Wheeler the following Minute of acknowledgment of her generous donation, viz.:—Upon the information received, and the acceptance of the munificent endowment in the cause of education made by Ella J. Wheeler of Boston, a feeling of gratitude pervaded the Meeting on behalf of the interesting class for which this donation was intended, and the Clerk was requested to inform the generous donor of its considerate appreciation of the gift, and of our desire that the Divine blessing may rest upon this endowment and its donor.

20. We appoint William H. Perry, Obadiah Chace, Albert C. Hill, John Ellwood Paige, David S. Wood, Matthew Howland, George Douglas, Charles W. Goddard, Richard Battey. Jonathan F. Southwick, Caleb Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Albert C. Buffum, Ira T. Jenkins, Isaac Warren Hawkes and Paul Wing to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends to propose at a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee, to whom the care and interests of the Institution may be committed the coming year.

21. The following statistical information has been received from our several Quarterly Meetings:—

	Number reported last year.	Error in last year's report, gain.	Error in last year's report, loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number.
Rhode Island .	700	7	0	4	11	9	9	6	5	1	0	701
Salem	671	2	0	5	13	5	2	6	14	0	11	660
Sandwich . .	743	0	0	5	20	0	1	9	4	0	11	732
Falmouth . .	612	0	1	7	7	13	10	15	5	12	0	624
Smithfield . .	426	0	0	1	14	2	0	4	1	0	8	418
Vassalboro . .	492	3	0	2	5	1	5	2	2	0	4	488
Dover	302	0	0	2	5	1	0	12	0	10	0	312
Fairfield . . .	453	1	0	3	6	3	3	4	5	0	3	450
Total . . .	4399	13	1	29	81	34	30	58	36	23	37	4385
Total Loss	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	14	

22. The account from Salem Quarterly Meeting contains a request that our Discipline, respecting the prompt forwarding of certificates on behalf of such of our members as may remove from one Monthly Meeting to another, may be more carefully observed in future.

While there may be instances in which the sending of a certificate of removal may be, for some reason, impracticable, yet we judge it a most fitting introduction of any Friend to his new home and to the Meeting in which he has chosen to reside, and we would again commend this ancient practice to the observance of our several Monthly Meetings.

In this connection, we would urge upon Friends the importance of extending very early to those (and especially to the young) who may come among them from other Monthly Meetings, such a warm and loving welcome as may be not only highly beneficial to such in a religious sense, but will bring them at once into useful relations to the church where these may come.

23. The following proposition was received from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, viz. :—That the Yearly Meeting be held at Portland, Maine, next year, with which this and the Women's Meeting unite.

24. Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting proposes that that Meeting be held in the Second Month, at East Vassalboro, instead of Vassalboro. This and the Women's Meeting unite in granting

their request; the change is accordingly made, and the Clerk is directed to inform them of this decision.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Met pursuant to adjournment.

25. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries. After the reading of which we were favored with much pertinent counsel, and words of warning, as well as encouragement, were lovingly bestowed.

We were reminded, that to draw our young friends and others into our Meetings, the Meetings must be made attractive, more so than any place of public resort; that they should be soul-feeding places, where the table of the Lord is kept continually spread, and all are invited to partake freely of the provision of Zion. That this might be the case, all were encouraged to faithfulness. The Church needs power, and she will have power in proportion to her purity, or as one dear friend remarked, "The secret of power is closeness with God."

To meet the needs of to-day, there must still be a free Gospel ministry, and also a free congregation. Those that have, by the blessing of the Lord, been drawn in, must be made useful in the Church; they must be made to feel that they have a part in the matter, by having special work laid upon them.

The benefit to be derived from holding Evening Meetings, wherever practicable, was set forth, that those might be reached, who through the day absented themselves from the place of worship.

The sin of detraction was largely dwelt upon. Christians make too free use of their tongues. The prayer of David was revived—"Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth;" "Keep the door of my lips;" also, the language of James, that "The tongue is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." No other thing militates more directly against spiritual power in individuals and the Church than this. Varied and subtle are the means employed by Satan to induce professed followers of God to indulge in this pernicious practice. Ministers frequently have their usefulness greatly lessened, if not altogether destroyed, by the unguarded remarks of those who, it may be, hold high offices in the Church.

Sinners that have been brought under conviction through the preaching of the gospel, have often stifled that conviction on hearing the service or the servant sharply criticised by those who profess to be Christians. Can a fountain send forth at the same time both sweet water and bitter?

The difficulties in the way of the Church were clearly pointed out. If the Church — the Bride — should come forth clean-handed and pure-hearted, she would not then be torn by internal discord, neither would there be back-biting within her borders, but in lowliness of mind each would esteem others better than themselves. The grand panacea for all the ills of the Church is the Love of God.

The evil influence exerted by some of our members by the improper use of intoxicating liquors was forcibly presented. No distinction is to be made between liquors or kinds of liquor. Our testimony is against everything that intoxicates. As these and other subjects relating to our condition as a body of believers were dwelt upon, it was evidently a season of very close searching of heart, for which we render thanks to our Heavenly Father, and humbly pray that the word which we reverently believe has come forth out of His mouth, may not return unto Him void, but that it may accomplish that which He pleases, and prosper in the thing whereto He has sent it.

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANSWER 1.—All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except forty, which were mostly omitted on account of a severe snow storm, rendering the roads impassable, and one small Meeting in each of two Quarterly Meetings, omitted a part of the year; those on First-days have been generally attended by most of our members, while Mid-week Meetings are more neglected. The hour is nearly observed, mostly clear of unbecoming behavior.

ANS. 2.—Love and unity are maintained by nearly all of our members. Detraction is guarded against except by a very few. When differences arise, endeavors are used to end them.

ANS. 3.—Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and endeavor to train up their children, and those under their care, in accordance with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4.—We think most Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, both individually and collectively in their families, and encourage their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry, with slight exception, is maintained.

Ans. 5.—The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is, we believe, carefully avoided by Friends, with twenty-two exceptions, and a few not enumerated. Some of our members are not as careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character as would be best.

Ans. 6.—The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and their necessities are relieved. Some care is taken to find them suitable employment. The education of their children is attended to.

Ans. 7.—With a very few exceptions, clear in the several parts of this Query.

Ans. 8.—Careful in the several parts of this Query with a few exceptions.

Ans. 9.—Our records appear to be attended to with one exception. A few removals without certificates. Some care taken.

Ans. 10.—Care is taken to administer the discipline with Christian tenderness and impartially, but some deficiency in timely dealing. Judgment has been placed, we believe, in the authority of Truth, and in accordance with the discipline.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Third-day Morning, the 13th.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

26. We have at this time the acceptable company of Joseph Stanley, a Minister from Ohio Yearly Meeting, with credentials from his friends at home.

27. The Joint Committee on the subject of Education have presented their Report, which has been read. The care and interest manifested by them in the important subject committed to their charge, is acceptable to this Meeting, and in again entrusting to the same Committee this great concern, we bespeak for them and for its object the hearty co-operation and the encouragement of the Yearly Meeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Education report that they have given attention to the subject.

An Educational Conference was held at Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro, Me., Third Month 10th, 1882, more especially in the interest of that Institution.

It was clearly shown in the exercises at that Meeting that the School had, through many years, sustained a high reputation, and had accomplished a very large amount of educational work with quite limited means. It had been its method to adhere closely to the essentials in education.

The beautiful and accessible location, the number of intelligent and promising children within its influence, who have not the means of expensive education, and the ever-increasing demand for denominational schools, forcibly suggest the need of generous endowment, and an excellent opportunity for Friends with the far-seeing purpose of Moses Brown or Dr. Joseph W. Taylor.

We called attention in our Report last year to the organization formed in the interest of education among Friends in America. The Second Annual Conference of the Educational Association of Friends in America, for the Eastern Department will be held at the Boarding School at Providence, beginning the 29th inst. We believe that great benefit will result from the interchange of views on this important subject between Friends from different Yearly Meetings; and that the good derived will reach beyond the information obtained from the questions considered, since acquaintance will be extended, friendship increased, and mutual confidence promoted.

The Elizabeth Fry Fund of $30,000, donated to the Boarding School this year, by a person not connected with Friends, charges us with a new and interesting share in the great work of educating the people at large.

The donor says, "I am pleased with your simplicity, directness and thoroughness. I have confidence in the Society of Friends, and for these reasons I commit this trust to you."

These words bear to us an earnest lesson in faithfulness, both to the letter and spirit of trusts; they confer a great responsibility which we cannot escape, and which reaches far down to those who will succeed us.

The awakening in Education everywhere in the Society of Friends constantly extends our usefulness and ought to call forth our heart-felt recognition of the Divine Source of every good and perfect gift.

On behalf of the Committee.

ELI JONES,
AUGUSTINE JONES,
CHAS. H. JONES,
JOHN ELLWOOD PAIGE.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Augustine Jones,
Caroline Jones, of Deering, Me.,
Anna F. Hall,
Eli Jones,
Myra E. Frye,
J. Ellwood Paige,
Charles H. Jones.

28. The Committee appointed for that purpose have presented

the following named Friends to constitute a School Committee the ensuing year, who are approved, viz. :—

Charles F. Coffin,
George Howland, Jr.,
Levi Jones,
William C. Taber,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Henry T. Wood,
Richard Battey,
William C. Munroe,
James H. Chace,
James O. Inman,
John F. Tucker,
Peter M. Neal,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
William T. Collins,
Charles B. Cates,
Augustus F. Cox,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Sylvia G. Howland,
Ann B. Earle,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Rachel S. Howland,
Hannah B. Sawyer,
Rebecca Steere,
Mary E. Jenkins,
Anna G. Wood,
Deborah W. Crosman,
Abby S. Battey,
Elizabeth H. Austin,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Esther Jones,
Caroline C. Earle,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Lydia C. Neal,
David S. Wood.

29. The Joint Committee on Foreign Missions presented a Report of their labor during the past year, and of the progress of the work on Mt. Lebanon in Syria, the principal field of its operations. Again we feel bound in gratitude to acknowledge, that the Divine blessing has crowned their work, and that the liberal contributions of Friends of this and other Yearly Meetings have enabled them to say that "the top-stone of the Training Home for Girls has been laid." This concern is the more interesting to us, from the conviction that the baptisms and sacrifices attendant upon the work have been a means of grace and strength to this Yearly Meeting in labors at home. We again entrust the charge to the same Committee for another year. We offer our hearty congratulations to our dear friends of London Yearly Meeting as the principal actors in this field, and crave the sympathy and aid of our friends and the blessing of the Lord upon the work. The request of the Committee for an appropriation, is referred to the Committee on Finance. The sum of three hundred and nineteen dollars was collected by voluntary contribution during this session. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees, to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Joint Committee on Foreign Missions present the following Report, viz. :—

From information received we think the various departments of work at Friends' Mission, Mount Lebanon, have been successfully prosecuted during the past year.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at Brumana, with an average attendance of 120. A Meeting has been held at Mansourich of late, attended by about twenty persons.

Bible Schools have been sustained at Brumana, Beit-Mary and Mansourich, and well attended.

Three Bible Readers have been employed in Brumana, and in some of the other villages, who read to the untaught people the Sacred Scriptures, and tell them in simple language of the way of salvation by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Week-day Meetings and Monthly Meetings have been regularly held. Several applications for membership are before the Monthly Meeting. Considering the previous education of the applicants much care is exercised in the acceptance of members.

The education of some three hundred children in the several schools of the Mission has been carefully supervised by Ibrahim Tasso in frequent visits to the Day Schools and in teaching classes in the Boys' Training Home. The Students in the Home number thirty-two. Of these several study English as well as Arabic, and are giving promise of future usefulness.

The erection of a large and substantial building of stone with tiled roof, for a Girls' Training Home, has drawn largely upon the time and attention of Theophilus Waldmeier during the past year. The house is now nearly ready for its occupants, the much-neglected daughters of Lebanon and vicinity, and has been erected at a cost of nearly four thousand dollars. This expense has been met by the liberality of Friends and others in America. Members of several of the Yearly Meetings on this continent have generously contributed in aid of the work. The English Committee who are associated with us in the work upon Lebanon say in their Report of this year, "The plot of ground on which the Home is built was purchased and presented to the Mission by our dear friend, Maria Feltham, when at Brumana in the early part of last year. The English Committee undertook the cost of furnishing, and special funds adequate for the purpose have been contributed, chiefly through the efforts of our Women Friends."

Maria Feltham, who is a Minister of the Gospel, and whom we believe to be well qualified for the place, has offered to take charge of the Home as matron. It is intended to open the Institution in the coming Autumn. The estimate cost to each pupil is set down at sixty-five dollars.

A Mothers' Meeting has been carried on through the year under the direction of Susan Waldmeier. They meet twice a week, and it is believed that many of the mothers have derived great benefit from attending these Meetings.

We deem it safe to conclude that no part of the work at the Mission is likely to be of more lasting benefit to the people in its vicinity than the Medical Department, under the direction of Dr. Beshara and his associates. More than four thousand patients have received kind attention at the Dispensary and one hundred others have been cared for at the Cottage Hospital, with slight exceptions, until convalescent. A member of the English Committee writes, "Ellen Clayton has entered herself as a 'probationer' at one of our London Hospitals for the purpose of qualifying herself to take charge of the Brumana Cottage Hospital. She has made a daily study of Arabic ever since her visit to Syria, and is now able to read the New Testament in that language. When, in addition to these indications of her self-denial, thou learnest that she proposes to take no remuneration from us (having property of her own), thou wilt see that we have cause to thank our Heavenly Father, who puts it into the hearts of His children to take part in the good work going on in the East."

In addition to the $750.00 appropriated by the Yearly Meeting, $1250.00 have been raised by subscription. With these sums we have been able to meet the current expenses of the year, and take pleasure in remarking that a larger number of Friends of our own Yearly Meeting have come forward with funds in aid of our Foreign Mission work than on any former occasion.

Women Friends of Western Yearly Meeting have formed themselves into a Foreign Mission Society, and are taking a lively interest in the work under our care, and have already forwarded funds for the education of a pupil at the Girls' Training Home. A similar movement has been initiated in Iowa Yearly Meeting. Friends of New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore Yearly Meetings have also manifested cordial sympathy, and have liberally aided the work. May the blessing of the Lord attend them.

We would ask that the Yearly Meeting continue this work under the care of a Committee, and appropriate $800.00 for this purpose, and that the subordinate Meetings be encouraged to assist in obtaining funds for the remainder of the expenses. And may all be for the glory of the Lord and the advancement of His cause.

On behalf of the Committee.

SUSAN T. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 12th, 1882.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1881.	RECEIPTS.		
Sixth Month.	Balance from old account	$155 18	
Ninth Month.	Am't rec'd from Yearly Meeting . .	750 00	
1882.			
Sixth Month.	Am't rec'd from all other sources . .	1,238 75	
			$2,143 93

1882.	PAYMENTS.		
	Am't paid Theophilus Waldmeier	$1,955 75	
	Balance to new account	188 18	
			$2,143 93

Fund for Training Home for Girls on Mt. Lebanon, in account with Geo. Howland, Jr., Treas. of Committee on Foreign Missions.

1881.	RECEIPTS.		
Sixth Month.	To Balance last year	$2,588 51	
Seventh Month.	Am't received from Western Yearly Meeting	45 35	
	Am't rec'd from New York Yearly Meeting	33 15	
	Am't received from Baltimore Yearly Meeting	163 02	
	Am't rec'd from all other sources	123 56	
	For scholarships—from Conference R.I. Quarterly Meeting, $60; from Women's Foreign Mission, Western Yearly Meeting, $75	135 00	
			$3,088 59

	PAYMENTS.		
	Am't sent Theophilus Waldmeier	$2,429 50	
	Balance to new account	659 09	
			$3,088 59

The balance of $659 09 with $1000 reported last year in the hands of the Committee for the Education of Syrian Females in Syria makes the amount now in the hands of the Committee, $1659 09.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Treas. of Com.*

New Bedford, Sixth Month 8th, 1882.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Eli Jones,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Abby S. Battey,
William Thompson,
Susan T. Thompson,
Harriet N. Jones,
George Howland, Jr.
Sylvia G. Howland,
Albert C. Buffum,
Henry T. Wood,
Anna G. Wood,
Obadiah Chace,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Augustus F. Cox,
Eliza P. Varney,
Hariette D. Collins,
J. Warren Starkey,
Mary W. Jones,
Celinda Metcalf.
William H. Beale,
Abbie M. Harris.
Timothy B. Hussey,
Elizabeth K. Hoxie,

Eli Jepson,	Moses Sawyer,
Charles M. Jones,	Hannah B. Sawyer,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,	Rachel S. Howland,

Huldah Leighton.

30. The Clerk of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders has laid upon the table the following Minute and the Certificate prepared by that Meeting, which were read; the Minute is as follows: —

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Our beloved friend Eli Jones has been liberated by this Meeting to perform a religious visit to the islands of Great Britain and Ireland, the Continent of Europe, and to Palestine and Syria, as set forth in a certificate granted him by China Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting.

ALFRED H. JONES, *Clerk.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 13th, 1882.

Much unity and sympathy were expressed with and for our dear aged friend, in the prospect of this arduous undertaking, for which he has been fully liberated. And our prayers have been raised for him, and will follow him, that the Lord's will may be done in all things. We appoint the following named Friends a Committee with whom he may confer in reference to the prosecution of his visit, viz.: — Henry T. Wood, Benjamin F. Knowles, Joseph E. Briggs, George Howland, Jr. and Timothy B. Hussey.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

31. The Joint Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel service have now presented a Report of their labor during the past year, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we conclude to continue this important and interesting work under the care of a Committee: and believing that usefulness would result from a new appointment, we conclude to set apart our friends, Levi Jones, Eli Jones, William Thompson, Olney T. Meader, Henry T. Wood, William H. Cates, Charles C. Varney, Charles H. Jones, Rebecca H. Smiley, Rachel S. How-

land, Phebe S. Ayedelot, Eliza P. Pierce, Elmira B. Buffum, and Huldah S. Buffum, to produce at a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to whom this concern may be entrusted the coming year, and we greatly desire their encouragement.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MEETINGS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We, your Committee on General Meetings, and other Gospel work, submit the following Report:

Series of meetings of longer or shorter duration have been held at Bolton, Allen's Neck, New Bedford, Westport, Salem, Smith's Neck and Somerset, in Massachusetts; at Maple Grove, (Aroostook Co.) and China, in Maine; at Weare, Henniker and Sandwich in New Hampshire. A number of the Committee have also visited a large proportion of the Quarterly and many of the particular Meetings within our limits. Many of these were especially blessed, and the results are very encouraging. We trust the work is still going on.

In the prosecution of this work we have been signally aided by several Ministers from other Yearly Meetings, for whose services we feel thankful, and for the blessings attending their labors.

In presenting this report we much regret that more has not been done; but some of our members have been called to labor in other Yearly Meetings, and some from sickness, and other causes, have been hindered from much active work under this appointment. The work at Maple Grove, Aroostook Co., Maine, was, we believe, a means of blessing to Friends and others in that isolated outpost; and there is an urgent need of further labor in that field. In Salem, Mass., a quiet and loving, yet earnest, work of several months has been done, and the Master has owned and blessed it.

Labor was begun in Boston at the commencement of the year, and has been continued up to the present time with encouraging results. After the close of our last Yearly Meeting in Portland, the work was continued there for three months or more by some member of the Committee, with increasing interest in both Meeting and Sabbath School. The needs are still great, and we would recommend a continuance of the work under the care of a committee, and in doing so we would ask for the prayerful sympathy and co-operation of the entire Yearly Meeting in this work, the importance of which cannot be fully estimated by us. There is great need throughout the Yearly Meeting of more earnest workers, who shall not only be willing to do the will of God, but take delight in forwarding this interesting work. We believe this need would soon be supplied, if all the professed followers of Christ amongst us were fully consecrated to His service, and sufficiently appreciated their privileges under the Gospel.

May each one be willing to plant and to water, looking unto God, who will surely give the increase.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Sec'y.*

The sum placed at our disposal in aid of this work was	$831 27	
To which has been added	19 00	
		$850 27
Expended during the year	$480 25	
Leaving in the hands of the Committee	370 02	
		$850 27

32. The Joint Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, have presented a Report, which has been read. The work of civilization, and of Christian instruction and Gospel teaching, appears to have been blessed during the year. We again entrust to the Committee now under appointment the charge of this interesting field of labor, and desire their encouragement in the work. The proposition for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Indian Matters report that they have co-operated with the Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs, representing the several Yearly Meetings.

There are now three Friends acting as Indian Agents, who were nominated by us, viz. :—John D. Miles at the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency; Laban J. Miles at the Osage Agency; and Jacob V. Carter, who has just entered upon duty as Agent for the Sac and Fox Agency. These Agents have about 10,000 Indians under their charge, all of whom are making a slow but steady advance in civilization and self-support.

Six Government Boarding Schools, and two Day Schools, with about 700 pupils enrolled, are under superintendents and teachers who are Friends.

Five Friends and the wives of four of them have been engaged in the religious instruction of the Indians for the past year, and there are 143 Indian members of the Meetings gathered under their care, and by Friends who have preceded them in their respective fields of labor.

In the Quapaw Agency, where Asa C. and Emmeline H. Tuttle taught and labored so long and with so much devotion, there is a Monthly Meeting, called "Grand River Monthly Meeting," with four Preparative Meetings, which have been regularly set up during the past year. This Monthly Meeting has 133 members of whom 21 are white people, resident among the Indians, or admitted into their tribes by marriage. This is an increase of 53 since last year's Report. Of the Modocs, who now number only 96, there are 64 members of Meeting, and 75 attended the Bible School last Winter.

Steamboat Frank continues to grow as a Minister; now reads the Bible pretty readily; knows the Gospel by experience; can teach and preach it; and understands the principles of Friends.

Many of the Senecas in the Indian Territory have been converted during the past two years under the ministry of Jeremiah Hubbard and other Friends, although, during the century in which they have been in contact with white people, they have wholly withstood the teaching of Christianity.

Two Day Schools have been started by Friends among the Shawnees, near the Quapaw Agency. Meetings and Bible Schools are kept up at these stations, and at another called Russell Creek, in the same district. These Meetings have already been blessed with conversions, and it is probable that within a few years a Preparative Meeting will be established at one of these points.

The Mission among the absentee Shawnees in the Sac and Fox Agency, under the care of Franklin Elliott, and largely supported by New York Yearly Meeting, continues to prosper; its Meeting has 31 members, a gain of 4 since last year. It has had its trials — severe ones — during the year, but is again peaceful and hopeful in its state. John Clinton, a member of this Meeting, has a gift in the ministry, and is likely to be a useful preacher.

Jonathan Ozbun steadily continues his labors among the Osages, has a Bible School started at the Rogers Settlement, and may, within a year, organize a Meeting at that place.

Ervin G. Taber succeeded Elkanah Beard as religious teacher at the Cheyenne Agency, and has labored faithfully under great difficulties, during the past year. He reports that many of the young people in the Boarding School appear to be Christians, so far as they yet know, and readily accept Christian teaching.

Though there are many imperfections in the work, there is much to encourage us to press forward in it, thankful for the blessings of the past, and seeking wisdom to perfect the work which has been begun.

From the bequest made to this Committee by our late friend, Lemuel Gifford, the following appropriations have been made during the year:—

Toward the erection of a building for Mission purposes at the Cheyenne Agency	$50 00
Remittance in aid of Ira D. Kellog and family at Quapaw Agency	50 00
Toward the expense of an addition to the Mission House at the Quapaw Agency	50 00
Leaving in the hands of the Committee	56 13

The Associated Executive Committee ask the Yearly Meetings to appropriate the sum of $3000 for the ensuing year. The quota of this Yearly Meeting is $510. We recommend that this amount be appropriated.

On behalf of the Committee.

HENRY T. WOOD.
ELLEN K. BUFFUM.

Sixth Month 13th, 1882.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Henry T. Wood,
Anna G. Wood,
John F. Tucker,
William O. Newhall,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Sarah Caroline Tobey,
Susan Peckham,
Mary W. Jones,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,
Rebecca Anthony,
Eli Jepson,
Elizabeth K. Hoxie,
John J. Frye, of Portland,
Myra E. Frye,
Thomas J. Battey,
Sarah W. Goddard,
Hannah T. Jenkins,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Thomas B. Buffum.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING, THE 14TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

33. The Joint Committee on Home and Foreign Missions have presented their Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and we now release the Committee from further service, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Joint Committee continued from last year to consider the proposition of our late beloved friend, Stanley Pumphrey, for the organization of an American Board of Home and Foreign Missions, have had the subject under consideration.

The formation of such an association does not seem best to us, and we would propose that the subject be dropped from our Minutes for the present, and the Committee released from their appointment.

For the Committee.

REBECCA H. SMILEY.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 13th, 1882.

34. The Report of the Joint Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freed-

men of the South has been presented, which, with the Report of the condition of the Freedman's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tennessee, made by its Superintendent, William P. Hastings, was now read. The care of this Committee and especially the quiet pecuniary aid afforded by one of its number, as well as the advancement of the pupils under their charge, are very satisfactory to this Meeting. We again refer this subject to the same Committee, with the exception of our late dear friend, Moses Bailey, and the substitution of Joseph E. Briggs. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The deeply interesting work of assisting to elevate the Freedmen by giving them a good Christian education has been pursued by your Committee and the Principal of the School with unabated interest.

The School was opened under the care of William P. Hastings, in Eighth Month last, with seventy-eight pupils. This number continued to increase, until in the Fourth Month following, when the enrollment was two hundred and nine, a small gain over the preceding year.

One of your Committee visited the School last Spring, and was much pleased in finding the students well behaved and apparently earnest in the acquisition of knowledge and thankful that so much was being done by their friends to fit them for usefulness. One of their number, expressing himself to his fellow students, said, they would be very unworthy of the help received, unless they showed their gratitude by making the best use of the assistance given.

During the Winter term the importance of living a Christian's life thoughtfully pervaded the minds of many of the pupils; and the convictions of seventeen of their number ripened into a belief that they would find help in forming a Christian character by uniting with Friends, and accordingly applied for membership and were received into our Society, making the total number of colored people belonging to Maryville Monthly Meeting, sixty-four.

It was deeply interesting to witness the intelligence manifested on the part of the colored teachers and pupils in the Sabbath School. The lesson for the day was where Christ reproved the scribes for setting at naught, by their "tradition," the command to honor father and mother. The minds of some seemed a little confused, not knowing in just what the honor rejected by the "tradition" consisted. The comment of one of the teachers seemed to settle the point. He thought the honor required of children when young was to love and obey their parents, while they toiled for the children's support, and when the parents were old, the childen with unabated love should care for them. The visitor thought but few, in so concise a manner, would have explained it better.

The new bell furnished for the school last year, after being used a while. cracked; it was taken down and sent to the foundry in New York, and a new one returned at an expense satisfactory to the Committee, which in connection with an amount due the Principal of the School, not covered by the appropriation of last year, has been paid.

The Committee regret that, for the want of means, we have been unable to cover the roof of the main building either with tin or slate; this repair is much needed to close the holes through which daylight and rain pass without much obstruction. If a few hundred dollars could be contributed, the covering of the roof would be done.

The friends of the colored man can but feel thankful to find the influence and usefulness of the Institution widening as is manifested in the annually increasing number of its former students who have been engaged in teaching; eighty, as reported, were thus occupied part of the last year.

The following circular, with conditions for admitting students to the Normal Class upon the George Sturge Fund was sent out toward the close of the Fall term, and probably would have been more fully responded to. had circumstances favored its circulation earlier and more extensively.

George Sturge, an English Friend and Christian philanthropist, has through a long life shown himself to be the colored man's friend by laboring for his elevation in the abolition of slavery, and now near the close of a useful life, has given to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England a Fund, the income of which will enable the Committee having charge of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tennessee, to admit students on the following very favorable terms.

Fifty students, either male or female, having qualifications indicated below, who are willing to comply with the following regulations, may be admitted to the Normal Class, and have paid toward their expenses seventy-five cents per week, or fifteen dollars for a full term of twenty weeks, the full price of tuition, etc., to be based upon the catalogue for 1881-82.

1st. Age of applicants must be between fourteen and thirty years, inclusive.

2d. Applicants must have a good moral character, and be willing cheerfully to comply with all the regulations of the School.

3d. Students admitted on this Fund must board in the buildings.

4th. Students are expected to attend the Sabbath School, and other religious exercises held in the building, unless the Principal knows of some good reason for granting an excuse.

5th. It is expected that students will remain members of the Normal Class, until qualified to teach district or common schools. And all are expected to teach such schools at least as many weeks as they have been in the Normal Class, receiving the benefit of this Fund.

6th. Students will be admitted by the Principal, after a satisfactory examination, and, to make efficient teachers, they will be expected to assist the Principal in teaching as he may direct.

7th. Students by teaching a full term in the Summer or Fall will find it more easy to enter the Normal Class the second and third time to receive the benefit of this Fund.

Forty-five students who responded to this circular, were admitted to the Normal Class, and attended, in the aggregate, eight hundred and twenty-four weeks, and had paid toward their expenses, from the George Sturge Fund, six hundred and eighteen dollars. This time is equal to the instruction of over twenty-one students in the Normal Class for one year of thirty-eight weeks each.

We are again reminded of the uncertainty of life in the recently passing away of our dear friend, Moses Bailey, one of the Committee, long known and loved as an humble Christian, and a useful member of our Society, engaged in helping forward enterprises intended to benefit others, and using of his means to relieve the wants of the poor and needy.

May He, who watches over the sparrow, though of little worth, bless the loved ones left behind, and raise up others with hearts to find delight in doing good with their substance.

Your Committee would recommend an appropriation of thirteen hundred dollars to be used for the benefit of the School.

For the Committee.

B. F. KNOWLES.

NEWPORT, R.I., Sixth Month 13th, 1882.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREEDMEN'S NORMAL INSTITUTE, MARYVILLE, TENN., FROM EIGHTH MONTH 22D, 1881, TO FIFTH MONTH 19TH, 1882.

Number of days taught	188
Number enrolled	209
Average, daily	87¼
Number in Teachers' Training Class	81
Number teaching in different States during the year	80
Number of teachers sent out from the first	105
Number of boarders in the buildings	50
Cost of board to each self-boarder, per week, about	$1
Whole number of boarders in the buildings and elsewhere	70
Number of colored Friends belonging to Maryville Monthy Meeting	64
Number taught Arithmetic	205
English Grammar	148
English Composition	130
Geography	101
United States History	35
Book-Keeping	5
Algebra	12
Latin	12
Rhetoric	11

The School has continued to prosper. By comparing the statistical part of this Report with those of former years, it may be seen that a larger number than usual are well advanced in the common branches. The Sabbath School and regular meetings of our Preparative Meeting of colored Friends have been kept up during the year. The Mid-week Meetings on Fourth-day at eleven o'clock have been small through vacation, however, as many of the members are students and do not reside in the neighborhood.

It may be noticed in the statistics that our membership has grown to sixty-four. This increase is in consequence of having received seventeen new members. Besides these, several who have not united with Friends have professed, for the first time, a living faith in the Lord Jesus.

This Report is submitted with thankfulness for the Divine favor extended over us and our work, not only since our last Annual Report, but also throughout the whole course of our eleven years' labor among this people.

WILLIAM P. HASTINGS, *Principal.*

35. The Trustees of the George Sturge Fund now presented their first Annual Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and is as follows, viz.:—

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE STURGE FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The twenty-five consolidated first mortgage bonds of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. £200 each, due in 1905, bearing interest at 6 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, have been received and transferred upon the Company's books in Philadelphia, to the Trustees appointed last year by this Meeting. The bonds were placed for safe-keeping in the vault of the Rhode Island Safe Deposit Co.

A deed of trust from our dear friend George Sturge has also been received, and the freedom given to the Trustees in the use of the income is satisfactory to them.

The deed was sent to the office in Philadelphia to be recorded according to law, but as it had not been certified to by a Notary Public in England, and he certified to by an American Consul as being duly appointed to that office by the British Government, the recorder returned it to be forwarded to George Sturge for the needed addition. It has been sent and will probably be returned to this country in a few weeks.

Forty-five students have been admitted to the Normal Class, who received help from the George Sturge Fund, upon conditions clearly set forth in the Report of the Committee having charge of the Freedmen's Normal Institute, at Maryville, Tennessee.

FINANCE STATEMENT.

Received for coupons due First Month, 1882		$727 50
Paid towards the expenses of forty-five students	$618 00	
Balance on deposit in the Manufacturers National Bank in Providence, R.I	109 50	
		$727 50

For the Trustees.

BENJAMIN F. KNOWLES.

Newport, R. I., Sixth Month 12th, 1882.

TRUSTEES OF THE STURGE FUND.

Benjamin F. Knowles, South Manchester, Conn.
Samuel R. Buffinton, Fall River, Mass.
Augustine Jones, Providence, R.I.
Owen Dame, Lynn, Mass.
Rebecca H. Smiley, New Bedford, Mass.
Ellen K. Buffum, Providence, R.I.
Susan T. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.

36. The Committee on the proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, etc., have presented the following Report, with proposed Constitution of "Meetings on Ministry and Oversight," and "The Duties of those Meetings," viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITION FROM FAIRFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Joint Committee appointed by the last Yearly Meeting, to which was referred the proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, "that our Discipline be so changed that Overseers, during their term of service, shall be members with the Meeting of Ministers and Elders," and to whose consideration was also referred "the whole subject of the Constitution of the Meeting of Ministers and Elders," report, that they have given thoughtful attention to the subject, and that two meetings of the Committee, of five sessions in all, were held for its consideration.

Upon examination of the design of the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, in its origin, we find that it was two-fold, viz. : *First.*—An inquiry into the religious state of its own members, more especially, whether they are preserved in love one to another, and, in life and conversation, adorn the doctrine which they profess, encouraging each member to a faithful occupation of the service and station for which he had been qualified and appointed. *Second.*—The important duty of a careful examination of the field covered by its organization, and a united endeavor, in the wisdom of Truth, to promote the spiritual life and growth of the body at large. This duty has, of later time, received but little attention from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, yet, we believe, it is imperative upon that body. *Acts xx. 28.*

The condition and needs of the several Meetings, especially the more isolated, and those requiring help and encouragement, claim the prayerful attention of these bodies, and, should it be found necessary, simple but orderly arrangements should be made by them for such frequent visitations, and other loving service as may seem fitting, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In the early days of the Society, no outward instrumentality was more systematic or more richly blessed than this organization of the "laborers" in the gospel field.

Looking at the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, as at present constituted, it does not appear to be well adapted to the whole service, which we believe the Church needs at its hands. Of the 341 members of this organization, less than one-sixth are under fifty years of age, and a considerable majority of the whole number have passed the period of sixty years. It is, however, as we believe, a body sound in judgment, with much religious experience, and we would commend it to the loving interest and confidence of the Society.

With these convictions, the Committee also believe that in most of our Monthly Meetings will be found those who have not been recorded as Ministers, or appointed as Elders, but who have experienced a new birth unto righteousness, and having made more or less progress in a religious life, with hearts warmed with love to Christ, are willing laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. A diversity of gifts may have been dispensed to these, and if they are concerned faithfully to occupy the talent with which they have been entrusted, they may be highly useful as laborers, and we believe they may be greatly helped by the care and counsel of those more deeply experienced in the work.

The Committee therefore, with great unanimity, concluded to recommend to the Yearly Meeting the introduction of these, in considerable numbers, to the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, in the belief that such action will be highly beneficial to the class referred to, and that it will materially add to the efficiency of that organization.

Upon careful consideration of the proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, it did not seem best for the Committee to recommend the admission of Overseers, as a class, to the Meeting of Ministers and Elders.

The Committee herewith present such modification of our Discipline as they deemed necessary, should the Yearly Meeting adopt the course proposed.

On behalf of the Committee.

ELI JONES, *Chairman.*

Fifth Month, 1882.

MEETINGS ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

The Meetings which have been known as Meetings of Ministers and Elders are henceforth to be constituted as hereafter mentioned under the designation of "Meetings on Ministry and Oversight." Recorded Ministers and appointed Elders are members of such Meetings.

There should also be appointed in each Monthly Meeting, other suitable Friends as members of these Meetings, who may be considered likely to prove helpful and to be themselves helped by association therewith. It being important that these Meetings should consist, as far as practicable, of individuals of varied ages, gifts, and qualifications, care should be taken in making appointments in connection therewith, not to limit the selection to Friends in later life; those being appointed who, whether older or younger, give evidence of love to Christ and of attachment to the principles we profess. The names of these are to be brought forward as in the case of the appointment of Elders, and the list shall be revised at least once in two years. They shall be in all respects members of the Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, but they are not to be considered as thereby having liberty to travel as Ministers. This appointment does not prevent them from being recognized as Ministers or Elders, if at any time their gifts may seem to warrant such proceeding.

DUTIES OF MEETINGS ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

It is recommended that the following paragraphs be read at least once a year in each Preparative and Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight:—

The subjects specified in the following paragraphs are especially commended to the care of Meetings on Ministry and Oversight; with any others which belong to the teaching and shepherding of the flock, viz:—

The religious condition of the particular congregations within their limits, and whether the Meetings for worship are held to edification and to the honor of God.

The counsel, encouragement and help of those engaged in the work of the Ministry.

The making of arrangements for attending, from time to time, the particular Meetings within their limits, especially those in which little or no ministry is exercised.

The visiting of the infirm, the sick and the afflicted. The spiritual care of the children and young people who attend our Meetings, and the promotion of their religious and scriptural instruction.

The propagation of the Gospel as way may open.

QUERIES OF MEETINGS ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

The four introductory Queries are to be read and weightily considered but not answered.

The other three are to be answered in writing to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and, in the Spring, to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

INTRODUCTORY QUERIES.

1. Are you engaged to watch unto prayer that you may yourselves be preserved in humble dependence upon Christ, and in an earnest, religious exercise for the conversion of sinners, and for the edifying of the body in the faith and love of the Gospel?

2. Are you concerned faithfully to occupy the spiritual gifts entrusted to you, to the honor of God?

3. Are your lives and conversation clean and blameless?

4. Are your Ministers in the exercise of their gifts careful to wait for Divine ability, and are they thereby preserved from being burdensome?

QUERIES TO BE ANSWERED.

1. Are you diligent in attending your Meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of your families?

2. Are you in unity one with another, and with the Meetings to which you belong, harmoniously laboring together in gathering unto Christ?

3. Are you engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit; and are you careful not to misquote or misapply them?

The following advice should be read after the reading and consideration of the Queries and Answers.

It is especially recommended that Ministers and Elders watch over one another for good, that they help those that are young in the Ministry, discouraging forward spirits that run into words without life and power, advising against affectation of tones and gestures, and everything that would hurt their service; yet encouraging the humble, careful traveller, speaking a word in season to them that are weary. And let all dwell in Him who gives ability to labor successfully in the Church of Christ, adorning the doctrine they deliver to others, being examples to the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith and in purity.

The Report is satisfactory, and the recommendations of the Committee are adopted. And our several Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed, upon the receipt of this information from the Clerk of this Meeting, to inform their several Monthly Meetings of the action of this Meeting in the case, and that they take the necessary steps to carry out its provisions.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon, in separate sessions.

AFTERNOON. — The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

37. The London Epistle for this year, addressed to this Meeting, is now received, and having been read is referred to our Committee on Correspondence.

38. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries of

the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, viz.: —

SUMMARY OF ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES FROM THE YEARLY MEETING OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, with Answers thereto from our several Quarterly Meetings, a summary of which the Clerk was directed to lay before the Yearly Meeting, with the accompanying Minute.

Answer 1.—With a few exceptions, Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending Meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of their families.

Ans. 2. — The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are in good degree clean and blameless amongst men. Nearly all our members are in unity one with another, and with the Meetings to which they belong, laboring harmoniously together for the honor of Truth.

Ans. 3.—They endeavor to rule their own houses well, and, by example and precept, to train up their families in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our Christian profession.

Ans. 4.—With some exception, they are preserved in love, and administer encouragement and counsel as occasion may require, in reference to ministry or conduct.

MINUTE OF THE YEARLY MEETING OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS.

Entering upon an examination of this portion of our Society, the felt presence of the Lord was mercifully experienced to be the covering of our spirits; and grateful acknowledgements, and humble thanksgivings, were offered unto Him for His continued mercies and loving-kindnesses.

Much pertinent counsel and encouragement was given.

Doing service cheerfully for the Lord as He lays it upon us, the Society will not die, but live, and grow, and abundantly increase, and go forward in the fulfilment of its Divine Mission.

We were reminded of our obligations respecting our households.

What is that which we most desire to see in our children?—is it not the first dawnings of Christian life? and how essential is it to follow up this life in them with our counsel, our love, and our example. It is thus that these shall be kept, and grow up as calves of the stall, and as plants of the Lord's own right hand planting, and become fruitful in His field of offering, and joyful in His house of prayer.

We were instructed that we should be as solicitous to move under Divine ability as we are careful to wait for it, for the right performance of every presented duty; and, by faithfulness in our smaller Meetings, shall we be better fitted for efficient labor abroad.

The offices of the Holy Ghost were clearly set forth, and we were reminded that He was not given alone for correct living, but in baptism of power for useful service in the great harvest field.

ALFRED H. JONES, *Clerk*.

39. We appoint our friends, George Howland, Jr., Owen Dame and Benjamin F. Knowles, in connection with Charles F. Coffin, of Lynn (already under appointment), to act as Trustees, to hold and convey in behalf of this Meeting such parcels of real estate as have been purchased in Washington, D. C., in efforts to benefit the Freedmen, and for which, title deeds have not yet been given to purchasers. .

40. The Joint Committee to promote the cause of Temperance in our own Society and in the community at large, presented their Report. This important concern has, we believe, received the faithful care and interest of the Committee during the past year. We are hopeful that within our own borders the practice of total abstinence is gaining ground; and in the desire that as a body we may do our part in the work, we again refer the subject to the same Committee, with the addition of James P. Boyce, Lizzie T. Larkin and Alice W. Hawkes, for continued labor in this wide field of usefulness. The proposal for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Temperance, in presenting their Report feel that they have great cause for gratitude to our loving Heavenly Father for the marked advance in Temperance sentiment which is manifest throughout the Yearly Meeting.

The work of your Committee has been varied and wide-spread. from teaching little children, to lifting the drunkard out of the gutter.

About a hundred public meetings have been held and attended; day schools and First-day schools have been visited, where plain, practical talks have been given the children on the effects of alcohol upon the system, and experiments illustrating this subject have been shown; and juvenile classes have been formed in several places, which hold weekly or monthly sessions.

Large Temperance Meetings have been held in some places in connection with the Quarterly Meeting with marked results for good, and the subject has also been brought before First-day School Conferences.

State Conventions, Camp-meetings and other bodies convened in the interest of the Temperance cause, have been attended and addressed by different members of the Committee.

In some places where no public Temperance Meetings have been held, because those most interested have been so taught of God, that they have been willing to be led by Him to quiet, but at the same time very earnest work for the dear Master, very blessed results are already apparent, and the way is being opened for more public work by and by.

Your Committee, feeling deeply the need of impressing upon the minds of the young the necessity of forming correct habits, visited Friends School at Providence, to this end, and were warmly welcomed by the Principal and the scholars and teachers generally. every facility being granted that could be desired, and we believe the effort was blessed.

This Committee, being appointed to labor specially in the Total Abstinence cause, regret that the sentiment of the Yearly Meeting, as expressed in the 5th Query, falls so far below that principle, and would be glad to see the first clause of that Query so changed as to read: "Do Friends abstain from the use of alcoholic liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes?"

Not the least part of our work has been the distribution of Temperance literature; and believing, as we do, that the alcoholic and narcotic stimulants go hand in hand, and that large numbers of our young people are led by the use of tobacco to form an appetite for alcoholic drinks; a good proportion of the literature used has been upon the subject of tobacco. We have scattered tracts and leaflets wherever opportunity has been afforded, sowing "beside all waters," looking for the sure fulfilment of the promise, and in many instances we have seen the fulfilment.

Your Committee, feeling that it is hardly possible to estimate the blessed results which follow the labors of a faithful Temperance Committee, have earnestly desired to walk with God in this matter, laboring under the guidance of the Blessed Spirit, remembering that "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it;" and we have sought to lay such a broad and solid foundation for future work, that the super-structure may stand to the glory of our God, in the redemption of the souls and bodies of men from the terrible curse of Intemperance.

As we advance, we see more of the actual needs of the work, and we earnestly recommend its continuance the ensuing year under the charge of a Committee, and that the sum of $200 be appropriated for its use.

EZRA HAWKES, *Chairman.*

MARY A. CHASE, *Sec'y pro tem.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in hands of Treasurer last year	$65 50	
Rec'd from Treas. of New England Yearly Meeting . . .	125 00	
Rec'd from other sources	1 30	
		$191 80
Paid out by direction of the Committee and its Chairman .	$141 28	
Leaving balance on hand of	50 52	
		$191 80

JOHN F. CHASE, *Treas. of Committee.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 13th, 1882.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Ezra Hawkes, *Chairman*,
Mary Almy Chase, *Secretary*
John F. Chase, *Treasurer*,
Harriette D. Collins,
Ellen K. Buffum,
James R. Collins,
Charles A. Chace,
Elizabeth H. Valentine,
John F. Tucker,
William P. Macomber,
Phebe B. Slocum,
Hannah S. Wing,
Augustus F. Cox,
Esther Osborn,
Charles W. Goddard,
S. Jane Cox,
Edward S. Hacker,
Elizabeth N. Perry,
Joseph M. Hanson,
Alice Purinton,
Lydia E. Sawyer,
Samuel Buffum,
James S. Read,
Abigail Wheeler,
Abby S. Battey,
D. Wheeler Swift,
William Jacob,
Frank E. Jones,
Lydia E. Frye,
Hannah T. Jenkins,
Isaac Warren Hawkes,
Harriet N. Jones,
Emeline Meyers,
James P. Boyce,
Elizabeth T. Larkin,
Alice W. Hawkes.

41. The Committee appointed for that purpose, propose the following-named Friends to constitute a Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel Work.

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MEETINGS.

Rebecca H. Smiley,
William Jacob,
Harriette D. Collins,
Charles H. Jones,
Susan T. Thompson,
William Thompson,
Anna G. Wood,
Hannah J. Bailey,
William P. Macomber,
Ruth S. Murray,
Charles M. Jones,
Hannah S. Wing,
S. Narcissa Jacob,
Henry T. Wood,
Charles C. Varney,
Elizabeth T. Larkin,
Phebe S. Aydelott,
Phebe B. Slocum,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Levi Jones,
Frank E. Jones,
J. Warren Starkey,
Elizabeth H. Jones,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Timothy B. Hussey.

42. The Committee on Scriptural Instruction in First-day Schools submitted a Report, which was now read, and is as follows, viz: —

REPORT OF BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting to the Yearly Meeting the Report of another year's work, the question arises how much has been done the past year towards increasing the interest in Bible study.

In comparing this year's Reports of the Bible Schools with previous ones, we think the interest is certainly increasing, and stronger religious influence manifested, for which we have cause to thank our Heavenly Father.

We think there is no instrumentality so well calculated to build up and strengthen our Meetings as Bible Schools, conducted under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, instilling Bible truths into the minds of our children, which, under His sanctifying influence, shall help to thoroughly furnish them for any work to which the Lord may call them.

Interesting Conferences have been held in all our Quarterly Meetings, except one; the good results of the teachings of earnest workers in them should encourage their continuance.

We regret that there are no schools in quite a number of our Meetings.

By Reports received from our Bible Schools, we find there are 2,326 members, including teachers, of whom 1,138 are Friends, and the average attendance is 1,416.

Considering the great importance of this work, and its claims on the Church for its fostering care and aid, we recommend that it be continued under the care of a Committee, and the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated for its use.

For the Committee.

WILLIAM T. COLLINS,
MARY J. ROGERS.

Newport, Sixth Month 13th, 1882.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year's account	$84 21	
Amount received from Treasurer of Yearly Meeting	50 00	
		$134 21

EXPENDITURES.

Bible School literature	$57 45	
Library Purposes	20 00	
Printing, expenses, etc.	25 20	
Balance in hands of Treasurer	31 56	
		$134 21

WILLIAM T. COLLINS, *Treasurer.*

The Report is satisfactory, and the application for an appropriation is referred to the Finance Committee. In conjunction with the Women's Meeting, the following-named Friends are appointed a Committee to whom this important branch of Christian labor is entrusted the coming year, viz ;—

COMMITTEE ON SCRIPTURAL INSTRUCTION IN FIRST-DAY SCHOOLS.

Olney T. Meader, *Chairman*,
Sarah A. Hill, *Secretary*,
William T. Collins,
John F. Tucker,
Charles W. Goddard,
John Metcalfe,
Caleb Jones,
Samuel Buffum,
Harriette D. Collins,
Isaac Warren Hawkes,
Rachel S. Howland,
Elizabeth A Douglas,
Saloma C. Wheeler,
Mary R. Jones,
Almira B. Buffum,
Phebe Wing.

43. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting.

44. The Committee on Mission Work in North Carolina and other States in the South, report as follows. The care and help bestowed appear to have been much needed, and gratefully received, and further aid seems necessary. We again refer this useful charity to the same Committee, with the exception of our late dear friend Moses Bailey, and desire their encouragement in the labor. The application for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA MISSION.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We, your Committee on Educational and Mission Work in North Carolina Yearly Meeting, report that the labor has been continued there, during the past year, as successfully and satisfactorily to us as could be done with the means at our disposal.

On account of the unusually small appropriation of last year, the work in Tennessee was entirely abandoned, much to our regret. That in North Carolina has been continued, and we are glad to say that two of the Schools, which have been supported by us for several years, are now self-supporting, and two have been sustained with but little aid from us.

We have supported one School entirely, and have aided four. The School above mentioned, where the people were entirely unable to contribute to its support, is in Iredell County, and was taught by Fannie Carson, a most faithful and devoted teacher, who has been in our employ since the first year of our appointment, five years ago. She has taught in the same neighborhood every year. Persons who have been there frequently, and know about the condition of things, both as they were at the beginning of the work, and are now, say that remarkable progress has been made. The children have been educated, and the people generally elevated. They are now ambitious to promote the improvement of their own condition. Quite a large Meeting and Bible School have been gathered, and a new house has been built to accomodate them. The School was continued five and one-half months of the past year, with an attendance of 53 scholars, 27 of whom were the children of Friends.

Many poor people in these mountain districts of North Carolina suffered much the past Winter, on account of the drought there last year, which almost entirely cut off their farm crops. We have aided the most needy and destitute ones, as far as our means would allow, especially favoring large families, and the sick and afflicted. Some clothing has been sent them from New Bedford, Lynn and Winthrop; and it would touch the hearts of those who listen to this Report, if they could know the heart-felt gratitude expressed by the recipients of these and other favors bestowed upon them through this Committee, and could have heard the earnest prayers from them for blessings upon New England Yearly Meeting.

In all the five Schools, which we have aided and sustained a part of the past year, there has been an attendance of 175 scholars between the ages of 5 and 25 years, about half of whom were the children of Friends.

We hope the work will be continued under the care of a Committee at least another year, and that three hundred and fifty dollars will be appropriated for its support, which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee.

HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1881.	RECEIPTS.		
Sixth Month.	Balance on hand	$5 84	
	Rec'd from L. D. Farr	10 00	
	Rec'd from M. Sawyer	5 00	
Eighth Month.	Rec'd from Friend for Mission Work . .	30 00	
Twelfth Month.	Rec'd from Friends in Winthrop	20 00	
	Rec'd from Yearly Meeting	300 00	
1882.			
Sixth Month.	Balance due Committee	1 08	
			$371 92
1881.	EXPENDITURES.		
Eighth Month.	Travelling expenses of teachers	$10 00	
	Paid families destitute and sick	73 75	
Tenth Month.	Especial Mission Work	30 00	
	Tuition of poor scholars in writing . .	3 25	
Twelfth Month.	Board of teachers	18 00	
	Freight of clothing and other things . .	8 50	
Amount carried forward,		$143 50	

	Amount brought forward,	$143 50	
1882.			
Fourth Month.	Teachers' salaries	217 50	
	Books, paper and postage	10 92	
			$371 92

For the Committee.

MATTHEW HOWLAND, *Treasurer.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 12th, 1882.

COMMITTEE ON MISSION WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA, ETC.

Benjamin F. Knowles,
Joseph E. Macomber,
Gulielma Freeborn,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Joseph S. Nichols,
Matthew Howland,
Sarah A. Holmes,
George Douglas,
Esther Jones,
Thomas B. Nichols,
Alfred H. Jones,
Elizabeth S. Frye,
Mary R. Jones,
Richard Battey,
Sarah Jane Swift,
Joseph Taylor,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Albert C. Buffum,
Lydia C. Tuttle,
Rachel S. Howland,
Charles M. Jones,
Charles F. Coffin,
Rebecca Hoag,
Moses Sawyer,
Elizabeth K. Hoxie.

45. The Joint Committee, to disburse the income arising from the Mosher Fund, presented the following Report, viz.:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF MOSHER FUND.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Joint Committee appointed to receive and disburse the income of the Mosher Fund have, during the past year, in addition to the purchase and distribution of a number of small books and tracts, also procured 350 copies of an English edition of the Memoirs of William Tanner, and 500 copies of the Memoirs of Christine M. Alsop, which have been nearly all distributed.

Our receipts and expenditures have been as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last year	$171 46	
Received from Chas. F. Coffin on behalf of Trustees . . .	450 00	
Rec'd from interest on deposits to Sixth Month 1st, 1882 .	3 83	
		$625 29

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for 500 copies Memoirs of Christine M. Alsop	$251 00	
Paid for 350 copies Memoirs of William Tanner	174 21	
Paid to members of the Committee for expenses	23 31	
Balance on hand to new account	176 77	
		$625 29

On behalf of the Committee.

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON,
REBECCA H. SMILEY.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 14th, 1882.

We conclude to appoint Obadiah Chace, Owen Dame, George Howland Jr., George Douglas, Thomas A. Wheeler, Eli Jones, Albert C. Buffum and Paul Wing a Committee to produce at our next sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to disburse the Income arising from the Mosher Fund.

46. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz.:—

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOSHER FUND.

INCOME RECEIVED.

Balance from last year	$1 51	
New Bedford Institution for Savings	25 47	
Lynn Institution for Savings	45 48	
Boston City Bond	500 00	
		$572 46

INCOME PAID OUT.

To the Publishing Committee	$450 00	
Income added to Capital	115 00	
Balance of income on hand	7 46	
		$572 46

THE FUND IS INVESTED IN

Boston 5% Registered Bond	$10,000 00
New Bedford Institution for Savings	670 67
Lynn Institution for Savings	1,595 48
Capital uninvested	83
	$12,266 98

For the Trustees.

C. F. COFFIN, *Trustee.*

LYNN, Sixth Month 1st, 1882.

47. Epistles to Ireland and Baltimore were read and approved.

48. The Committee on the subject of Peace have presented their Annual Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

To the Yearly Meeting :

The Joint Committee on the subject of Peace, report. That beyond the circulation of some books and a considerable number of tracts upon this subject, little has been attempted by us in the cause during the year. A good and interesting public Meeting was held in this house last evening, and it is encouraging to every sincere laborer in this field that the judgment of many of the thoughtful, the intelligent, and the observant is with him.

The sum of $38,88 reported in the hands of the Committee last year has not been expended.

For the Committee.

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY,
SUSAN T. THOMPSON.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting. The Committee, now under appointment, is continued on this very important concern of the Yearly Meeting, and we desire their encouragement.

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

Eli Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Charles C. Varney,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
George Richardson,
Henry T. Wood,
William Jacob,
Susan T. Thompson,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
S. Narcissa Jacob.
Rachel S. Howland,
Abby S. Battey,
Joseph H. Atwater,
George Hussey Gifford.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth-day Afternoon, the 15th.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

49. The Clerk is authorized to sign, on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend Rebecca Collins : — " Our beloved friend Rebecca Collins acceptably attended this Meeting. Her company and religious service has been acceptable to us." And similar ones for Alexander M. Purdy, James R. Jones, Caroline E. Talbott, John P. Pennington, Amos M. Kenworthy, Micajah

M. Binford, Ephraim M. Jones, Barton K. Jones, and Joseph Stanley.

50. The Clerk is also authorized to sign, on our behalf, the following Minute for Agnes Ann Bryson :— "The company of Agnes A. Bryson has been acceptable to us." And similar Minutes for Rufus Hazard, Ruth C. Hazard, Franklin S. Blair, G. Dillwyn Baily, H. Katie Devol, Amy R. Wilbour, Josephine Devol, Martha S. Stanley, Lydia Maria Stanley.

51. The Committee under appointment, in reference to the few members of our Society residing in the British Provinces, made the following Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS IN BRITISH PROVINCES.

To the Yearly Meeting :

The Committee appointed last year to have charge of Friends in the British Provinces report, That some of our number have given attention to the subject, and although a portion of those Friends have become self-sustaining, the Committee feel that others will require continued care.

A small amount of the money appropriated for those requiring aid remains on hand, and we would recommend that a Committee be appointed, and fifty dollars be furnished for future use.

On behalf of the Committee.

GEORGE RICHARDSON,
SARAH M. RICHARDSON.

Newport, R.I., Sixth Month 13th, 1882.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we conclude to continue the Committee, with the substitution of Wm. H. Beale in place of Eli Jones, to extend care towards these distant members as way may open. The subject of an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS IN THE BRITISH PROVINCES.

Josiah Holmes, Jr.,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
George Richardson,
William H. Beale,
Sarah A. Holmes,
Sarah M. Richardson,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Rachel S. Howland.

52. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude that the sessions of this Meeting in future commence on the second Sixth-day of the Sixth Month, at 9 o'clock, A.M. The Meeting on

Ministry and Oversight to be held the day previous, and that the Public Meetings for worship on First-day be changed from 10 to 10.30, A.M., and from 4 to 3, P.M.

53. The Committee appointed for that purpose propose the following named Friends to constitute a Committee to disburse the income arising from the Mosher Fund, which is approved, Women Friends concurring.

COMMITTEE ON THE INCOME OF THE MOSHER FUND.

Henry T. Wood,
Alfred H. Jones,
John Ellwood Paige,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Ruth S. Murray,
Esther Jones.

54. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, etc., have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Auditing Committee have attended to their appointment, and find the Treasurer's accounts as below, viz. :—

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$2,772 64	
From sale of copies of the Discipline	4 50	
From Loan at Merchants National Bank, New Bedford,	1,500 00	
From the several Quarterly Meetings	4,000 00	
From sale of Flint & Peré Marquette R.R. Bond	600 00	
Interest on Flint & Peré Marquette R.R. Bond	24 00	
Eagle Bank, Providence, dividend	80 00	
		$8,981 14

PAYMENTS.

Expenses at Portland, Sixth Month, 1881	$476 10
Insurance on Meeting House at Newport	12 00
Bible School Committee	50 00
Committee on Temperance	125 00
Committee on Freedmen	999 99
Committee on North Carolina Mission	300 00
Committee to aid Friends in British Provinces	100 00
Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	425 00
Committee on Foreign Missions	750 00
Note and interest at Merchants National Bank	1,535 47
Printing London General Epistle	42 00
Amount carried forward,	$4,815 56

Amount brought forward,	$4,815 56	
Printing Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, etc.	273 00	
Printing Report of Com. on Traffic in Opium, etc. . .	125 00	
Recording Minutes and Epistles	65 00	
Expressing, postage and stationery	9 30	
Deposited in Merchants National Bank, New Bedford, for investment	600 00	
Balance in Treasurer's hands	3,093 28	
		$8,981 14

INCOME OF BOSTON MEETING HOUSE FUND.

Balance reported last year	561 08	
Interest on Bonds	450 00	
Interest from Savings Bank	35 80	
		$1.046 88
Paid Wesleyan Hall Association, Boston	350 00	
Balance in the Treasurer's hands	696 88	
		$1,046 88

We find the accounts properly kept and vouched for. We recommend that four thousand dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate George Howland, Jr., for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

For the Committee.

OWEN DAME.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 13th, 1882.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland, Jr., is appointed Treasurer; and Thomas Harkness is appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed.

55. The Committee on Finance report as follows, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

We are united in recommending that the following appropriations be made, viz. :—

Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs . .	$510 00
Bible Schools	50 00
Amount carried forward,	$560 00

Amount brought forward,	$560 00	
Foreign Missions	750 00	
Freedmen	1,150 00	
North Carolina Mission	300 00	
Aid to Friends in British Provinces	50 00	
Temperance	150 00	
		$2,960 00

For the Committee.

OWEN DAME.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 14th, 1882.

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Rhode Island—Samuel R. Buffinton,
Salem—Owen Dame.
Sandwich—George Howland, Jr.
Falmouth—Augustus F. Cox.
Smithfield—Richard Battey.
Vassalboro—Charles B. Cates.
Dover—Jacob K. Purinton.
Fairfield—Levi Jones.

56. Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Canada, and Kansas, also a joint Epistle to the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Brumana, Mt. Lebanon, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting, and cause them to be countersigned by one of our correspondents, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

57. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year. The Friends named are satisfactory to the Meeting and are appointed accordingly.

MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

Thomas Harkness,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Joseph Cartland,
Owen Dame,
Abigail M. Hanson,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
William C. Taber,
George Howland, Jr.
Anna G. Wood,
Susan T. Thompson,
Augustus F. Cox,
George Douglas,
S. Jane Cox,
Elizabeth A. Douglas,
Richard Battey,
William O. Newhall,

Samuel R. Buffinton,
Henry T. Wood,
Thomas A. Wheeler,
Abby S Battey,
Lydia Haight,
Thomas B. Nichols,
Eli Jones,
Rachel B. Nichols,
Eliza P. Pierce,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Albert C. Buffum,
Anna M. Hussey,
Huldah S. Buffum,
Levi Jones,
Mary W. Jones,
Charles M. Bailey,
Sophia D. Bailey,
Charles F. Coffin,
David K. Akin,
Augustine Jones,
Jacob K. Purinton,
Joseph E. Briggs.

58. We appoint the following Committee to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also, to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, who now are or may then be under appointment, viz.:—

John F. Tucker,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Levi Jones,
Augustus F. Cox,
George Douglas,
Ezra Hawkes.

59. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed; and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

60. We have thankfully to acknowledge that as we commenced this Yearly Meeting with hearts uplifted in prayer to the Lord for His help and blessing upon us, that His Spirit has been abundantly prevalent amongst us, and under the felt presence thereof, we have been enabled to transact the varied, weighty and important business which has come before us, in much harmony and brotherly love.

We conclude, proposing to meet again at Portland, Maine, on the second Sixth-day of the Sixth Month, next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

NOTE.—The Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting are:—

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., New Bedford, Mass.
JOSEPH CARTLAND, Newburyport, Mass.

MINUTES

OF THE

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1882.

MINUTES.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Newport, on Rhode Island, by adjournments from Sixth Month 10th to the 15th of the same, inclusive, 1882.

By Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz. :— From

RHODE ISLAND.—Ellen K. Buffum, Dorcas B. Robinson, Mary Alice Gifford, Gulielma Freeborn, Huldah M. Beede, Elizabeth N. Perry, Mary S. Buffinton, Ruth Ann Collins, Esther Chace, Dorcas G. Babcock and Mary E. Kenyon.

SALEM.—Tacy P. Hawkes, Abby W. Pratt, Sarah A. Hill, Elizabeth K. Hoxie, Lydia C. Neal, Susan L. Meader, Abbie V. Huntington, Jane Nichols, Elizabeth H. Valentine, Mary A. Gove, Deborah W. Crosman, Lizzie W. Swan, Huldah V. Ware, Lizzie H. Jones and Mary V. Breed.

SANDWICH.—Rachel S. Howland, Rhoda T. Gifford, Hetty E. Howland, Rebecca H. Smiley, Elizabeth C. Wing, Sylvia G. Howland, Jane G. Fisher, Huldah Gifford, Mary E. Gifford, Rebecca S. Howland and Charity G. Moore.

FALMOUTH.—Jane C. Minott, Mary C. Hawkes, Esther Nichols, Huldah H. Leighton, Elizabeth A. Douglas, Lydia A. Cartland, Ann Maria Douglas and Almira S. Hanson.

SMITHFIELD.—Abigail Wheeler, Lydia Haight, Abby S. Battey, Phebe A. Marble, Sarah J. Wheeler and Maria Aldrich.

VASSALBORO.—Mary R. Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, Etta S. Cates, Elizabeth B. Evans, Emily G. Ayer, Hannah B. Robinson and Lydia R. Jones.

DOVER.—Mary H. Morrill, Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Maria Purinton. Almira B. Buffum, Huldah S. Buffum, Hannah W. Meader, Sarah M. Evans, Hannah T. Pratt, Lucinda Pinkham and Anna M. Hussey.

FAIRFIELD.—Sarah M. Richardson, Phebe P. Jones, Mary G. Winslow, Phebe Wing and Lavinia M. Briggs,—

Whose names being called, they were all present except seventeen, for the absence of nine of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

We have at this time the company of several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, who have presented certificates of unity and concurrence from their respective Meetings, and to whom a warm welcome has been extended, viz. :—Rebecca Collins and Alexander M. Purdy, of New York Yearly Meeting; James R. Jones, of North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Caroline E. Talbott, of Ohio Yearly Meeting; John P. Pennington, Amos M. Kenworthy, Micajah M. Binford, Ephraim M. Jones and Barton K. Jones, of Indiana Yearly Meeting.

Our beloved friend, Agnes Ann Bryson, of Scotland, with a Minute from Edinburgh Two Months Meeting of which she is a member, is also acceptably in attendance.

There are also in attendance of this Meeting, Amy R. Wilbour, companion to Rebecca Collins; Rufus and Ruth C. Hazard, Elders, companions of Caroline E. Talbott; Franklin S. Blair, an Elder, accompanying James R. Jones; George Dillwyn Bailey, accompanying Amos M. Kenworthy; and H. Katie Devol, a member and Christian worker from Glens Falls Monthly Meeting, New York, who have produced satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings.

Our beloved friends, Martha S. Stanley, an Elder, and Lydia Maria Stanley, a Minister, in the course of a social visit within the limits of this Meeting, have presented a Minute of Damascus Monthly Meeting, Ohio, which has been read. Several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings are also present without certificates, whose company is acceptable to us.

Epistles from our dear sisters of Ireland, New York, and North Carolina Yearly Meetings have been read, and while all are acceptable, our hearts have especially responded in sympathy with our dear friends in Ireland, and we desire that they may be safely kept in the midst of surrounding agitation and conflict, now prevailing in that country, as under the shadow of the Almighty hand.

At the close of this first session of our annual gathering, we thankfully acknowledge that the spirit of grace and supplication has been poured out upon us, and we have been made to remember all the way which the Lord our God hath led us during the past year, and also to confess that He hath crowned us with loving kindness and tender mercies. Our hearts have been drawn into tender sympathy with the sick and the afflicted, and the prayers of the Church have ascended on their behalf.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Met near 4 o'clock.

Elizabeth C. Wing, on the part of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing Anna G. Wood for Clerk, and Rachel S. Howland for Assistant Clerk, which nominations being severally approved, they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

Epistles from our dear sisters of Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Western, Kansas and Canada Yearly Meetings, also one from the Monthly Meeting of Brumana, on Mt. Lebanon, have been read, and we are refreshed by these letters of Christian greeting and loving remembrance.

We appoint the following-named Friends to prepare essays of reply to these, and to our dear sisters of other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, viz.:—Sarah F. Tobey, Rebecca H. Smiley, Lizzie H. Jones, Alice Slocum, Phebe B. Slocum, Augusta Battey, Susan Peckham, Louisa P. Hoag, Adeline F. Daniels, Anne R. Anthony, Hannah T. Pratt, Huldah H. Leighton, Mary E. Gifford, Elizabeth K. Hoxie, Gulielma Freeborn, Dorcas Aldrich, Phebe Wing, Hannah S. Wing, Eliza P. Pierce and Anabella E. Winn.

To prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries received at this time from our several Quarterly Meetings, we appoint our friends, Sarah F. Tobey, Mary R. Jones, Anna M. Hussey, Cynthia J. Earle and Mary Almy Chase.

The subject of addressing a short letter to the children of this Yearly Meeting, the lambs of the flock, has claimed our earnest attention, and the Committee on Correspondence is requested to prepare such an address, should way open for it.

A certificate from Moreau Monthly Meeting, New York, on behalf of Josephine Devol, who is in attendance of this Meeting, in company with her sister, H. Katie Devol, has been read.

Adjourned to meet on Second-day morning, at 10 o'clock.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, THE 12TH.

Friends again assembled.

The Joint Committee entrusted with the care and interests of the Boarding School at Providence, have presented their Report, which has been read.—(See p. 8.) The labors of the Committee in the discharge of their important duties, are satisfactory to the Meeting, and we feel grateful for the good health of the School, and for other evidences of Divine favor, which have been vouchsafed during the year.

We unite with the Men's Meeting in the acceptance and ratification of the Trust created by the endowment of Thirty Thousand Dollars, described in the Report, to be designated as the "Elizabeth Fry Fund," the income of which is to be devoted to the education of children not in affluence, and also concur in the authority given to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the ratification of the Trust. We also unite with the Men's Meeting in their action giving authority to the School Committee in future to receive endowments and bequests for the benefit of the School, in aid of the original objects of that Institution — and also concur with the action of Men Friends in clothing the School Committee with power and authority for the general management of the Funds and property of the School in the years to come, or until this power is revoked.

Upon the information received, and the acceptance of, the munificent endowment in the cause of education, made by Ella J. Wheeler, of Boston, a feeling of gratitude pervaded the Meeting on behalf of the interesting class for which this donation was intended, and the Clerk was requested to inform the generous donor of our considerate appreciation of the gift, and of our desire that the Divine blessing may rest upon this interesting endowment and upon its donor.

We unite with Men Friends in appointing a Committee of two from each Quarterly Meeting to propose at a future sitting, the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to take charge of the School the ensuing year, viz.:—Rebecca Anthony, Dorcas B. Robinson, Lydia C. Neal, Deborah W. Crosman, Rachel S. Howland, Susan T. Thompson, Mary C. Hawkes, Almira S. Hanson, Abigail Wheeler, Lydia Haight, Mary R. Jones, Etta S. Cates, Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Mary G. Jenkins, Sarah B. Winslow and Phebe Wing.

The Meeting now entered upon a consideration of the state of our religious Society, as presented by the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, and proceeded through the first.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Met near 4 o'clock.

The examination into the religious condition of Society was resumed, and the remaining Queries and Answers were read.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

In considering the state of our Society, as presented by the Answers to the Queries, this Meeting has been introduced into a lively exercise, that we might all be stirred up to greater faithfulness in the fulfilment of the various duties therein specified, that our excellent testimonies may not be suffered to fall to the ground through our neglect.

It is enjoined upon Christians by the Apostolic charge, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together," and we have the privilege of attending religious meetings on week days offered to us. If we are really hungering and thirsting for the bread and water of life, we should gladly embrace the opportunities presented, and come up as to a feast, for we have realized that these seasons set apart from our temporal cares are often especially blessed of the Lord, and that spiritual refreshment and strength are sometimes richly dispensed on these occasions "I will not offer unto the Lord that which doth cost me nothing." It may be difficult for mothers to leave their little children, but they have been encouraged to make such domestic arrangements as will enable them either to leave them in proper care or take them to Meeting. Children receive religious impressions at a very early age, and it may be that in some quiet little meeting of Friends, the Spirit of the Lord may visit their hearts, and they may experience conversion to Him, and that new birth, which is the foundation of Christian character. If, as members of the Society of Friends, we have agreed to consecrate especially the brief time of our Mid-week Meetings, can we omit them without becoming liable to the fearful charge, "Ye have robbed me, saith the Lord, in tithes and offerings."

We may also invite our friends to accompany us, and then, if all are faithful to the requirements of duty, we shall realize the value and variety of individual gifts and callings, and the blessedness of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Thus all disposition to detract from the good character of others will be removed, and we shall know that as Jesus Christ was manifested to take away the sin of the world, He can give strength to overcome that temptation also, and keep us closely united to Him, and through Him one unto another.

It is a vital point that we maintain a religious life and conversation, that our influence in the home may be in the right direction. Temptations of various kinds are continually presenting themselves to our children in their associations and in the literature of the day. They must have books, let us be careful and watchful that they be of an interesting and instructive character. Promote confidence between parents and children, that as they come to you with their little sorrows and joys, they may continue to come as time goes on and confide more serious interests to your loving sympathy.

Friends have been admonished of the importance of care in regard to certificates, that as those in membership with us from other Meetings come among us, they may be visited and identified with Friends where their lot may be cast.

Mothers have been counselled to maintain our noble, Christian testimony against all wars and fightings, discouraging among the children a military spirit, manifested in their plays and diversions, which may be developed by witnessing the pomp and circumstance of warlike exhibitions. Take away the martial music, the glitter and show of dress, the graceful and imposing evolutions of well-drilled companies of men, and military service would be robbed of most of its attractive power.

We have been reminded of our duty in regard to rendering unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's by honestly paying all the duties required by our Government on imported goods, or in the use of revenue stamps. And also of the importance of living moderately and within the bounds of our circumstances, remembering the declaration, "The gold and the silver are mine, saith the Lord," and that what talents He has lent to us should be used in His service.

The value and necessity of a diligent study of the Bible has been brought home to our understanding and hearts, and we have been encouraged to a frequent perusal of the record which will make wise unto salvation through faith in Him, whose coming, whose life and death and resurrection are therein brought to light. Our Bible Schools are recognized as a part of our organization, and it is expected that our members generally will attend them, the elder with the younger, that we may learn together of the right way of the Lord, and walk therein in loving fellowship.

We feel that it is incumbent upon us in the exercise of our Discipline, which is sometimes necessary, that while promptness is requisite for the good of all concerned, a loving spirit must be maintained and prevail over all. "One is your Master even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

Thus walking in the light of the Lord, the twelve hours of the day allotted will be diligently employed, and, in watchfulness and prayer, we shall not be suffered to stumble, but shall make straight steps to our feet, and progress in the way of life and salvation.

SUMMARY OF THE ANSWERS RECEIVED.

ANSWER 1. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, excepting a few mentioned in the Answers from several of the Quarterly Meetings. On First-day they are attended by the larger part of our members; in the middle of the week they are much neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed. Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior.

ANS. 2. Love and unity maintained by nearly all of our members, detraction not wholly guarded against. Care is taken to end differences when they appear.

ANS. 3. We believe most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and endeavor by example and precept to train their children and others under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read individually and collectively by most Friends, and they encourage those under their care in the same practice. With little exception, our testimony to a free Gospel ministry is maintained.

ANS. 5. Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal purposes. Not quite clear in regard to amusements and diversions. A good degree of moderation is observed.

ANS. 6. The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved. Care is taken to educate their children.

ANS. 7. We believe our testimonies in the several parts of this Query are generally maintained.

ANS 8. Care is taken in the several parts of this Query with little exception.

ANS. 9. Careful as to records. Not quite clear as to certificates.

ANS. 10. Care is taken to administer the Discipline in Christian tenderness, perhaps not always timely, and to place judgment according to Discipline.

The accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings report changes which have occurred during the year.—(See p. 5.)

The contemplation of the removal of many beloved and honored Friends with whom in former days we have mingled, in their homes, in public worship, and have taken sweet counsel in the various services of the Church, has brought a chastened feeling of sadness to our hearts, in the sense of our loss, yet we rejoice in the belief that these, having served their generation according to the will of God, an eternal gain is theirs, through faith in Him who loved them and washed them from their sins in His own blood.

Statistical information has also been received from the different Quarterly Meetings, composing the Yearly Meeting.–(See p. 15.)

We unite with Men Friends in the appointment of a Joint Committee to which shall be referred the subject of returning Minutes of Friends now in attendance of this Meeting with certificates, viz.:—Rachel S. Howland, Sarah F. Tobey, Phebe S. Aydelott and Deborah W. Crosman.—(See p. 4.)

The account from Salem Quarterly Meeting contains a request that our Discipline, respecting the prompt forwarding of certificates on behalf of such of our members as may remove from one Monthly Meeting to another, may be more carefully observed in future.

While there may be instances in which the sending of a certificate of removal may be, for some reason, impracticable, yet we judge it a most fitting introduction of any Friend to his new home and to the Meeting in which he has chosen to reside, and we would again commend this ancient practice to the observance of our several Monthly Meetings.

In this connection, we would urge upon Friends the importance of extending very early to those (and especially to the young) who may come among them from other Monthly Meetings, such a warm and loving welcome as may be not only highly beneficial to such in a religious sense, but will bring them at once into useful relations to the church where these may come.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting in its account to us proposes that our next Yearly Meeting be held at Portland, and upon consideration of the subject we are united with the Men's Meeting in the conclusion that our Meeting shall be held in Portland next year.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting proposes that that Meeting be held in the Second Month, at East Vassalboro, instead of Vassalboro. We unite with the Men's Meeting in granting their request; the change is accordingly made.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

(*For business transacted in joint sessions, see pp. 18–36.*)

Fourth-day Afternoon.

Met in separate session according to adjournment.

A sweet and acceptable Epistle from our dear sisters of London Yearly Meeting, the sessions of which have just closed, was now read.

Essays of Epistles addressed to our dear sisters of the Yearly Meetings of Ireland, Baltimore, Indiana, Western and Canada, have been read and approved.

The Committee on Scriptural Instruction in First-day Schools presented a Report which was now read and approved.—(See p. 41.) While we acknowledge with gratitude the success which has attended the labors of the Committee during the past year, we feel an earnest desire that renewed efforts may be made to establish schools where none are now held.

The following named Friends have been appointed to take charge of this important work for the ensuing year, viz.:—Harriette D. Collins, Sarah A. Hill, Rachel S. Howland, Elizabeth A. Douglas, Saloma C. Wheeler, Mary R. Jones, Almira B. Buffum and Phebe Wing.

A summary of the answers to the Queries from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read.—(See p. 37.)

The records of the Representative Meeting were now read and the proceedings of that body are approved by this Meeting.

The Joint Committee appointed to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel work, have presented the names (See p. 40), which are approved in concurrence with Men Friends.

The Joint Committee on Temperance have presented their Report.—(See p. 38.) The Report is adopted, and the same Committee are reappointed to that service for the ensuing year with the addition of James P. Boyce, Elizabeth T. Larkin and Alice W. Hawkes.—(See p. 40.) We desire their encouragement in earnest and renewed efforts in the important cause of Temperance.

The request for the appropriation of two hundred dollars is referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Joint Committee authorized to disburse the income from the Mosher Fund in the printing and circulation of books and reading matter, illustrative of the principles and doctrines of our Religious Society, now report.—(See p. 44.)

Their report is acceptable, and we appoint, on the part of this Meeting, the following named Friends to nominate a Committee for the ensuing year, viz. :— Phebe S. Aydelott, Mary Jane Buxton, Mary E. Gifford, Elizabeth A. Douglas, Lydia Haight, Etta S. Cates, Anna M. Hussey and Sarah M. Richardson.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

FIFTH-DAY AFTERNOON THE 15TH.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The names of the representatives being called, forty were present. For the absence of seven, sufficient reasons were assigned.

The Joint Committee on Mission Work in North Carolina and other States of the South presented their Report (See p. 42), which is accepted by this Meeting, and we concur with Men Friends in reappointing the same Committee, with the exception of our late dear friend, Moses Bailey (See p. 44), to take charge of this interesting service for the ensuing year.

The Friends appointed to produce the names of a Committee to receive and disburse the income from the Mosher Fund, have reported (See p. 48), which is approved, and the Friends named are appointed accordingly.

The Joint Committee upon the subject of universal Peace have presented their Report (See p. 46), which has been read, and while there appears to have been but little accomplished during the year, we unite with the Men's Meeting in the reappointment of the Committee (See p. 46), with the desire that every opportunity may be improved for the spread of the principles of Peace.

Essays of Epistles to our dear sisters of Iowa, Ohio, New York, North Carolina and London, also a Joint Epistle to the Monthly Meeting of Friends on Mt. Lebanon have been read and approved, and the Clerk is authorized to sign these, and also those read at a previous sitting, on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Committee charged at a former session with the duty of presenting, as way may open, an Epistle addressed to our children of this Yearly Meeting, have now produced an essay of a loving letter to these tender objects of our care, which has been read and approved, and we appoint our friends Susan T. Thompson, Anna G. Wood and Louisa P. Hoag to cause an edition of not less than two thousand copies to be printed in suitable form for distribution, and the Committee is authorized, with the consent of the Men's Meeting, to call upon the Treasurer for the expense incurred.

The representatives to this Meeting report, that they have conferred together in joint Committee, and were united in proposing the names of the same Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting, who served last year, which, being approved, they are appointed to that service in concurrence with Men Friends.—(See p. 50.)

The Report of the Committee on Finance has been received from the Men's Meeting and read. The appropriations recommended by the Committee are approved by this Meeting.—(See p. 49.)

The Report of the Auditors, appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer, and for other purposes, was now received and read.—(See p. 48.) It is acceptable to the Meeting, and, in concurrence, we appoint George Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness is appointed Treasurer of the School Funds for the ensuing year.

The Clerk is authorized to procure the printing of the Minutes of this Meeting, and also the Epistles received from our sisters of other Yearly Meetings, for circulation among our members.

The Committee continued from last year, to extend care as way may open, to the few scattered members of our Society, residing in the British Provinces, have presented a Report, which was read and accepted.—(See p. 47.) In consideration of the isolated condition of these persons, about thirty in number, it was concluded to continue the Committee another year (See p. 47), in the hope that usefulness may result from further care in the case.

The proper consideration of the business which claims our attention in these Meetings, has of later years seemed to require more time than has been devoted to it, and a proposition received at this session from the Men's Meeting, that our Yearly Meeting shall in future commence one day earlier in the week, has met a favorable response from us, and, after some deliberation, we unite with them in this conclusion, and that the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight shall be held the day previous, viz. :— on Fifth-day, beginning at 9 o'clock, as heretofore. And that the Public Meetings for worship on First-day be changed from 10 to 10.30, A.M., and from 4 to 3 P.M.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our dear friend Rebecca Collins : — "Our beloved friend, Rebecca Collins, attended this Meeting; her company and religious services are acceptable to us."

Similar Minutes are also directed for our dear friends, Alexander M. Purdy, James R. Jones, Caroline E. Talbott, Joseph Stanley, John P. Pennington, Amos M. Kenworthy, Micajah M. Binford, Ephraim M. Jones, Barton K. Jones, and Agnes A. Bryson.

The Clerk is further authorized to sign on our behalf, the following Minute for our dear friend, Amy R. Wilbour ; "Our beloved friend, Amy R. Wilbour, acceptably attended this Meeting."

Similar Minutes are prepared for Rufus and Ruth C. Hazard, Franklin S. Blair, George Dillwyn Bailey, Martha S. and Lydia M. Stanley, and H. Katie and Josephine Devol.

As, at the opening session of our Yearly Meeting, we were engaged to ask largely of the Lord, He has answered our petitions, and poured us out a rich and full blessing. In the important concerns which have passed in review before us, great unity of feeling has prevailed, and the business has been conducted in harmony and love.

With a reverent ascription of praise to Him who alone can strengthen and qualify His people for His service, we conclude, proposing to meet in Portland, Maine, on the Second Sixth-day in Sixth Month, next year, if the Lord permit.

On behalf of the Meeting,

ANNA G. WOOD, *Clerk.*

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Benjamin F. Knowles,
Charles F. Coffin,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Moses Sawyer,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Hannah B. Sawyer.

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MINUTES OF THE MEN'S MEETING.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Me., commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 8th, 1883.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.:—

From Rhode Island — Benjamin F. Knowles, Henry C. Aydelott, Obadiah Chace, Thomas B. Buffum, James Dennis, Darius Buffinton, Willis H. White, Charles W. Earle, William H. Perry and Charles H. Chace.

From Salem — Moses Huntington, Owen Dame, Olney T. Meader, Daniel C. Maxfield, Joseph Cartland, Alvin Hoag, Moses F. Rogers, Peter M. Neal, Charles H. Jones, Charles H. Thorndike and John F. Chase.

From Sandwich — William C. Taber, David Kelley, George Howland, Jr., Edward G. Dillingham, Stephen R. Wing. Charles Taber, Joseph Ewer, William P. Macomber, Meltiah Gifford, William Thompson, Henry T. Wood. Gideon Gifford and Moses Smith.

From Falmouth — Timothy Hanson, Augustus F. Cox, Nathaniel Hawkes, George Douglas, John J. Frye, Elijah Cook, Daniel C. Jones, James E. Varney, Oliver Robinson, Ezekiel Varney, Jr., and Robert Goddard.

From Smithfield — Abel C. Monroe, James O. Inman, John Metcalfe, Oscar J. Morse and Paul A. Randall.

From Vassalboro — Thomas B. Nichols, Jedediah J. Varney, Alfred H. Jones, Charles B. Cates, John Gould, Hartwell A. Jenkins, Ebenezer Frye, John Frye, J. Warren Starkey, James C. Pierce. William H. Cates and Hezekiah Pope.

FROM DOVER — Albert C. Buffum, Tobias Meader, Timothy B. Hussey, William P. Tuttle, Otis Meader, Samuel Buffum and Eli Page.

FROM FAIRFIELD — Reuben T. Jones, Henry Winslow, Joseph E. Briggs, Howard B. Wyman, George H. Farr, George Richardson, Proctor Sampson and Isaac Winslow,—

whose names being called, they were all present except thirteen, for the absence of three of whom sufficient reasons were assigned. Five of the absentees were afterwards in attendance.

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Isaac Sharp, from London Yearly Meeting. He has produced satisfactory testimonials from Darlington Monthly Meeting, held 12th of Fourth Month, 1877, endorsed by Durham Quarterly Meeting, held 19th of Fourth Month, 1877, and a Minute of London Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, in the Fifth Month, 1877, expressive of unity with him as a Minister, and with his present prospect of weighty and extended service in his blessed Master's cause. We feel that it is cause for heart-felt gratitude, that this our beloved aged brother, after years of labor in other lands, has been enabled to reach our shores, and again to mingle in sweet and loving fellowship with those of the same household of faith. We bid him a cordial welcome, and pray that the Word of the Lord through him may have free course and be glorified.

4. We have also the company of Alexander M. Purdy, of New York Yearly Meeting; Rufus P. King, of North Carolina Yearly Meeting; S. Adelbert Wood, of Ohio Yearly Meeting; Micajah M. Binford and Amos M. Kenworthy, of Indiana Yearly Meeting; Louisa M. Fulgum, of Iowa Yearly Meeting; Luke Woodard, and John T. Dorland, Jr., of Canada Yearly Meeting; who have presented Minutes expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

5. We have the company of Phebe H. Kenworthy, an Elder, accompanying her husband, Amos M. Kenworthy, with proper credentials from her friends at home; also James T. Richardson, companion to Rufus P. King, with suitable recommendations from his friends at Pickering, Province of Ontario.

6. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings, with returning Minutes, if

way should open for it, is referred to the following Friends, viz.: Henry T. Wood, William Thompson, Alfred H. Jones, George Richardson and Henry C. Aydelott.

7. Truly acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Ohio have been read in this Meeting, to our comfort and satisfaction. We have also received Epistles from Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings; also, one from the Monthly Meeting of Brumana, Mt. Lebanon, the reading of which is deferred to our next sitting. We appoint the following named Friends a Committee to nominate a Committee on Correspondence to prepare, as way may open, Essays of reply thereto, and report at our next sitting, viz: — Isaac Winslow, Timothy B. Hussey, Thomas B. Nichols, William Aldrich, George Douglas, David K. Akin, Charles H. Jones and William H. Perry.

8. Eli Jones is added to the Committee on Arrangements, appointed last year.

9. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz.:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Electa Jane Collins; with the same Meeting in the appointment of George S. Gould and Anna A. Gould, to the station of Elder; with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Charles D. Kenyon and Mary Clapp, and with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth S. Newton and Sarah C. Skinner to the same station; and that it has added nineteen Friends as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; that the Mid-week Meeting for Worship at Coventry has been discontinued; that the Preparative Meeting at South Kingstown has been joined to Hopkinton Preparative Meeting; and the Meeting for Worship at South Kingstown discontinued.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William Chase to the station of Elder, and with Weare Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lucy P. Osborne and Mary B. Chase to the same station, also with Weare Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Elizabeth T. Larkin. Mary E. Breed, an Elder, died Seventh Month 14th, 1882, aged 86 years and 1 day. Joseph S. Nichols, an Elder, died Tenth Month 3d, 1882, aged 68 years, 10 months and 12 days. and Mary R. Allen, an Elder, died Third Month 29th, 1883, aged 63 years, 2 months and 3 days; all members of Salem Monthly Meeting. Geo. A. Barton, a Minister, was received into the same Monthly Meeting by certificate from Farnham Monthly Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting. Benjamin H. Jones, a Minister, and Mahaleth G. Jones, an Elder, formerly of Salem Monthly Meeting have removed to San Jose Monthly Meeting, California. Daniel Beede, a Minister and member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 16th, 1883, aged 79 years and 19 days; the time of holding Salem Monthly Meeting in the Sixth Month has been changed to the first Sixth-day in the month, the place and hour remaining as heretofore. Twenty-one Friends have been added as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public ministry of Hannah S. Wing; also in the appointment of Mary Jane Gifford to the station of Elder; and with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Geo. Howland, Jr., to the same station; and that nineteen Friends have been added as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that Lemuel Jones, an Elder and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 15th, 1882, aged 78 years and 7 days; that it has united with Windham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lydia M. Pope to the station of Elder, and that Nathan Pope is appointed Correspondent of that Monthly Meeting (P. O. address. Windham Centre, Me.); also, that nineteen Friends have been added as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Abby S. Battey, an Elder and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died Eleventh Month 21st 1882, aged 62 years, 5 months and 11 days; that the Mid-week and Preparative Meeting at Blackstone has been discontinued; that the time of holding the Mid-week and Preparative Meeting at Worcester has been changed from Fifth-day to

Fourth-day evening at half-past seven o'clock; and that six Friends have been added as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Unity Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of William P. Varney, and in the appointment of Lydia C. Varney to the station of Elder; and with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Charles Osborne, Louisa L. Osborne, Eliza P. Pierce and Mary E. Taber to the same station. Rachel B. Hussey, an Elder and member of China Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 24th, 1882, aged 92 years and 22 days. Six Friends have been added as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas W. Hoag and Martha E. Hoag to the station of Elder; and that four Friends have been added as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jacob Pope, Lavina M. Pope and Henry Winslow to the station of Elder; Joseph Taylor, an Elder and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 29th, 1882, aged 77 years, 7 months and 4 days; Moses Bailey, an Elder and member of Winthrop Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 6th, 1882, aged 64 years, 5 months and 19 days; that Joseph T. Richardson has been appointed Correspondent of Sidney Monthly Meeting (address, North Fairfield, Me.); and that they have added nineteen Friends as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

10. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid, or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportion of stock called for last year.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. — The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

11. Henry T. Wood, on behalf of the representatives informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William O. Newhall for Clerk, and Timothy B. Hussey and Daniel C.

Maxfield for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being severally approved, they are accordingly appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

12. Epistles from Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings and from Brumana Monthly Meeting were now read.

13. The Committee appointed at our morning session to nominate a Committee on Correspondence have reported the following, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, viz.: — Henry T. Wood, A. Chalkley Collins, Charles H. Jones, Abel C. Monroe, Alfred H. Jones, Samuel Buffum, Charles W. Goddard, I. Warren Hawkes, Eli Jones, Daniel C. Maxfield, Benjamin F. Knowles, George Howland, Jr., William P. Macomber, John F. Chase, George A. Barton, Charles W. Webber, Augustine Jones, James R. Collins, Charles M. Jones and Gideon Wood, which being approved, they are appointed to that service.

14. We appoint Charles A. Chace, Charles H. Jones, Gideon Wood, Charles W. Webber, Abel C. Monroe, William H. Cates, Samuel Buffum and Isaac Winslow, a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it at our next sitting.

15. We appoint Reuben T. Jones, John B. Cartland, Josiah Philbrook, Francis H. Inman, John J. Frye, William P. Davis. Owen Dame and Nathan Chace, a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised, sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also one for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

16. The account from Salem Quarterly Meeting contains a proposition, that the time of holding its Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in the First Month be changed from 2, P.M., to 2.30, P.M., with which this and the Women's Meeting unite, and the change is accordingly made, and the Clerk is requested to inform that Meeting of our action in the case, by furnishing it with a copy of this Minute.

17. The account from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting contains a proposition, that the time of holding its Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight be changed from 3 to 2 P. M., of the day before the Quarterly Meeting, with which this and the Women's Meeting unite, and the change is accordingly made,

and the Clerk is requested to inform that Meeting of our action in the case, by furnishing it with a copy of this Minute.

18. The following proposition was received from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, viz.: —"Believing that the first clause of the Fifth Query to be too lenient, this and the Women's Meeting are united in asking the Yearly Meeting to change said clause." We appoint Ezra Hawkes, James R. Collins, George A. Farr, Henry C. Aydelott, Peter M. Neal and Owen Dame, on the part of this Meeting, a Committee to whom this subject is referred.

19. The following proposition was received from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting: — "This Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting to consider the propriety of curtailing some of its annual expenses;" which we conclude to refer to the representatives now in attendance of this Meeting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SEVENTH-DAY MORNING, THE 9TH.

The Meeting again assembled.

20. The Committee entrusted with the care of the Boarding School at Providence have presented the Sixty-fourth Annual Report, viz.:—

REPORT OF THE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee having in charge the Boarding School, established and fostered by the Yearly Meeting, in presenting the Sixty-fourth Annual Report of its operations, have the renewed satisfaction of informing the Meeting that it is very quietly, but nevertheless efficiently, continuing its good work in training and educating the young for positions of usefulness in the world, and, as we believe, in the Church of Christ. It has been for the past year, as for the previous three years, under the immediate charge of Augustine Jones, A. M., as Principal, aided by an efficient corps of faithful Assistants, laboring together harmoniously for the best and greatest good of those under their care.

The average number of pupils the past year has been 99 boys and 88 girls.

Within the year, the School has been made the recipient of a splendidly illustrated work on Fishes, presented by Daniel G. Littlefield, of Pawtucket; and of a donation by our friend Hannah J. Bailey, a member of the Committee, of $1,151.60, for the purpose of beautifying the walls of the halls and school-rooms with busts and engravings; these have greatly improved the appearance of the rooms by the introduction of agreeable and pleasant pictures for the gratification of the eye, and the cultivation and elevation of the mind.

We have been gratified by the reception of a donation of $500 from our friend James H. Chace, another member of the Committee, to be expended for the purchase of desirable pictures or works of art for the School.

A donation has also been received from Rowland G. Hazard of $100, with directions that it may be used in the purchase of books for the Library.

A much needed improvement is now being made in the Laundry by the introduction of a new boiler and apparatus, with the most improved machinery, at a cost of about $1,500. A donation by a private individual of $1,100 in aid of this valuable addition has been received. The work will be completed and ready for use before the close of the present term.

These generous gifts have been gratefully accepted by the Committee, and we believe they will be warmly appreciated by the Yearly Meeting; not only on account of the material benefit conferred, but as loving tokens of kindly interest in the welfare of the Institution.

A donation to the School from our friend Thomas Harkness of an ancient copy of a Concordance to the Holy Scriptures (printed in 1638) is accepted as a valuable addition to the Library; and the Clerk was directed to convey to him our warm appreciation of the gift and of the kind remembrance of the donor.

Since our last report the exterior walls and wood work of the older portion of the house have been thoroughly painted, its condition as well as its appearance being very much improved thereby.

During the greater part of the past year, while much sickness has prevailed in our neighborhood, from which in the Autumn the School was not exempt, through the Winter and Spring, the health of the household has been unusually good.

We regret, however, to have to report a very sad accident, which occurred a few days after the opening of the School in the Ninth Month:— One of the pupils, Robert H. Chase, nearly 16 years of age, a son of John F. Chase, of Deering, N.H., while bathing, in attempting to swim across a sheet of shallow water, suddenly sank, and, although his schoolmates made very strenuous efforts to save him, they were unsuccessful, and he was drowned.

The Principal in reporting the case to the Committee says, "He was possessed of unusual mental powers, and had already attracted the special notice of the teachers. But, to crown all, he was an earnest Christian boy. How we needed him here, what a field of service was before him! but young and full of promise as he was, we believe he was prepared for the change of worlds which came so suddenly to him."

We have also to report the death of one of our own number, Abby S. Battey, who died Eleventh Month 21st, 1882. She had been many years a member of the Committee, was very constant in attendance upon our meetings, taking a deep interest in all matters appertaining to the School, and endeavoring in every way to promote its greatest usefulness. Her memory will long be held in grateful remembrance.

Agreeably to the direction of the Yearly Meeting last year, your Treasurer has ratified and confirmed the deed of trust (of the Elizabeth Fry Fund) interchangeably with the donor, signed the same on behalf of the Yearly Meeting, and affixed the corporate seal of the Yearly Meeting thereto. The fund has been satisfactorily invested, and will yield an annual income of 5% upon the principal. This at the present price of tuition will pay for five scholars for a year.

The Officers of Government and Instruction for the past year have been:—

AUGUSTINE JONES, A.M., Principal and Political Science.
WALTER S. MEADER, A.B., Governor and English Studies.
SUSAN S. MOORE, Governess and English Studies.
BESSIE T. WING, French, History and Literature.
THOMAS J. BATTEY, A.B., Natural Science.
MARY AMY COLLINS, English Studies.
J. MYRON POTTER, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
BENJAMIN W. WELLS, Ph.D., English Literature and German.
WILLIAM C. LADD, A.B., Greek and Latin.
SARAH A. PEARCE, Reading and Elocution.
WILMOT R. JONES, A.B., Assistant Governor.
SOPHIA L. PITMAN, Drawing and Painting.
MARY E. RAWSON, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
ALBERT A. STANLEY, Instrumental Music.
JEAN E. GUILBERT, French.
MARY P. HOLME, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
LIZZIE C. PERRY, Secretary and Book-keeper.
ALICE M. JONES, Librarian.

The accounts of the Principal present the following items of receipt and expenditure:—

RECEIPTS.

Income from board and tuition	$41,897 87	
Rec'd from Thos. Harkness, Treas. of School Fund .	5,860 83	
Received from Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, from Elizabeth Fry Fund	600 00	
Received from Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, from Philip J. Tripp Fund	85 90	
		$48,444 60

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of teachers and officers	$12,289 00
Provisions	15,575 96
Amount carried forward,	$27,864 96

Amount brought forward,	$27,864 96	
Wages for labor and servants' hire	6,920 52	
Repairs and replacements	4,945 06	
Fuel	1,645 98	
Light	1,019 90	
Water	530 64	
City tax on School Property for 1882	2,981 20	
Library and periodicals	356 16	
Incidentals, including printing, advert'ng and postage	725 87	
Uncollected bills for tuition in previous years	753 99	
Remaining to credit of account	700 32	
		$48,444 60

The income from the Charitable Fund, including the Philip J. Tripp Fund has been $2,399.38.

This has enabled 19 pupils to enjoy the benefits of the School during the year, and one for one term.

The account annually presented by the Committee of the financial operations and condition of the Institution has heretofore been little more than an estimate, and, while the School is still in session and until the close of the school year, no more definite account can be made. It is proposed in future to present the accounts as made up after the close of the School, near the 1st of Seventh Month each year.

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School remain as last year, viz. :—

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$125 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting	225 00
For all others who may be admitted	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars each, to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing.

Again we commend the Institution and all connected with it, to the superintending care and providence of our Father in Heaven, with thankfulness and gratitude for past favors, and to the kind consideration of the Yearly Meeting, believing that there yet lies before it a very large field for usefulness.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jun., *Clerk*.

Boarding School, Providence, Sixth Month 5th, 1883.

NOTE.—The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 5th, 1883, and closes Second Month 6th, 1884. The Spring Term begins Second Month 7th, 1884, and closes Sixth Month 24th, 1884.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 31st of Seventh Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which, applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, AUGUSTINE JONES, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and is adopted. The labors of the Committee, and the evident efficiency of the Board of Management is encouraging to the Meeting. We are rejoiced to learn that the religious welfare of the inmates of that Institution has a deep and abiding hold upon the hearts of the officers and Committee, and that they are ready and anxious to embrace every right opening for its advancement. We refer the continued care of the Institution to the Committee now under appointment, with the exception of our late friend Abby S. Battey, deceased, and David S. Wood, who has removed beyond the limits of this Yearly Meeting. The Committee are directed to meet at the Boarding School, at Providence, on Third-day, the 26th inst., at 9.30 A.M.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Charles F. Coffin,
George Howland, Jr.
Levi Jones,
William C. Taber,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Henry T. Wood,
Richard Battey,
William C. Monroe,
James H. Chace,
James O. Inman,
John F. Tucker,
Peter M. Neal,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
William T. Collins,
Charles B. Cates,
Augustus F. Cox,

Ellen K. Buffum,
Sylvia G. Howland,
Ann B. Earle,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Rachel S. Howland,
Hannah B. Sawyer,
Rebecca Steere,
Mary E. Jenkins,
Anna G. Wood,
Deborah W. Crosman,
Elizabeth H. Austin,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Esther Jones,
Caroline C. Earle,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Lydia C. Neal,
Ruth S. Murray.

21. Mary H. Rogers, a Minister from Kansas Yearly Meeting, is now in attendance of this Meeting, and has produced satisfactory credentials from her friends at home.

22. The Committee on Education have presented their Report, which has been read, and is satisfactory to this Meeting. The same Committee is continued for service another year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Education report that they have held no conferences this year, but that a very interesting and instructive one was held at Providence, in the Sixth Month last, by the Eastern Department of the Educational Association of Friends in America.

The attendance by Friends in this Yearly Meeting was small. The subjects discussed were believed to be highly important to the Society of Friends and to the general cause of Education. Reports of the proceedings were published and circulated among our members. Persons are aroused in these gatherings to the vital necessity of more attention to education, and they in turn, at their homes, bear with warm hearts the message to the masses around them. Thus the influence forever extends. More zeal and a stronger recognition of the importance of the Meeting at Providence would have strengthened the hands and cheered the hearts of the friends of this cause.

The Educational Association of Friends in America has arranged for a National Educational Conference of the Society of Friends, at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, the last of this Month. Friends from remote parts of the Country will meet and interchange views and experiences, with a common interest and a common cause. Honest, free and liberal discussion will contribute to the strength and prosperity of the Society.

We have met with a very great, but we hope not irreparable, loss in the burning, without insurance, of the Seminary at Oak Grove. The remembrance of blessings and benefits conferred here, in the last third of a century, has filled many hearts with sorrow.

We will cherish the hope that some one will re-build on a more generous and broader foundation, that the good work begun may continue as heretofore, with increasing power, to mould the character of the citizens of a large district in Maine, making itself felt far and wide.

Schools and colleges and even the common schools owe their existence to Christianity. But this is due to the fact that Christians have seen and realized the importance of education in its relations to Christianity.

How important that this generation, this Society, shall comprehend and do its whole duty in this matter to-day.

The school at Providence has received a number of generous donations this year. These are gladly welcomed, and there is room in this way vastly to increase the usefulness of the school. It is very important that we should realize that the school, although well off in land for the future, is for the present needing many things, which can only be obtained through the generous contributions of friends.

There is absolutely no limit to the amount of money which can be useful around a large institution. The greater its capacity, the larger its needs, and the greater its opportunity to extend with benefit.

New England holds, and always has held, an important place in the education of this Country. And the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England has a great and direct share in this duty and responsibility, and it is very important that it be earnestly considered and faithfully attended to as way shall open; and nothing can take the place of individual effort of members.

On behalf of the Committee,

ELI JONES,
AUGUSTINE JONES,
CHAS. H. JONES,
MYRA E. FRYE.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Augustine Jones,
Caroline Jones, of Deering, Me.
Anna F. Hall,
Charles H. Jones,
Eli Jones.
Myra E. Frye,
John Ellwood Paige
Phebe Wing,
Ruthanna H. Nichols.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. — Met pursuant to adjournment.

23. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries, and the reading of the Statistical Account, received from our Quarterly Meetings. The Answers are as follows:—

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANSWER 1. — All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except in some localities where there are but few Friends several Meetings have been omitted in consequence of inclement weather and sickness and other reasons not assigned. The First-day Meetings have been attended by the larger part of our members, while those in the middle of the week have been much neglected. The hour is nearly observed, clear of unbecoming behavior with little exception. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports the entire omission of the Meeting at Nantucket.

Ans. 2. — Love and unity are maintained with little exception. Detraction is not wholly guarded against by a few. Endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared.

Ans. 3. — With few exceptions, Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation. More care is needed both by example and precept, in training our children in accordance with our Christian profession.

Ans 4. — We believe most Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually and collectively in their families, and encourage their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry appears to be maintained with little exception.

Ans. 5. — Seventeen cases of indulgence in intoxicants, as a beverage, are definitely reported. Two Quarterly Meetings report a few cases. Friends are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, and to observe true moderation, with a few exceptions.

Ans. 6.—The circumstances of the poor are generally inspected. Their necessities are relieved, and care is taken to educate their children.

Ans. 7. — Not quite clear as to military matters, oaths, or in regard to defrauding the public revenue.

Ans. 8. — Friends are careful in these respects, with few exceptions.

Ans. 9. — Not quite clear as to records. A few removals without certificates.

Ans. 10. — In the administration of discipline we do not exercise as much oversight and pastoral care as would be best. Judgment, when placed, has been according to discipline.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

In considering the state of Society, as presented by the Answers to the Queries, this Meeting was deeply exercised that our ancient testimonies for which our forefathers suffered may not be allowed to fall to the ground through our unfaithfulness or neglect.

We were reminded that the great mission of the Church on earth, the end for which it was established, is the salvation of souls; and, therefore, a Church, made up of a membership, whose hearts and means are consecrated to the Lord, will be an aggressive and an ingathering Church, as in the early days of our Society, when, during the first fifty years of its existence, it was marked by such a mighty influx of members.

The great importance of faithfulness in family devotion was pressed upon us. The practice of daily waiting before the Lord in the home circle, reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures, and drawing near to the Great Giver of all, in humble, fervent prayer and praise, was presented as one of the most precious privileges of His redeemed children.

Living through constant faithfulness, in the full enjoyment of this high privilege, would bring great and continued blessing to our individual souls, and result in far greater manifestation of God's power in the Church.

Friends were earnestly admonished to maintain our Christian testimony against all wars and fightings, discouraging among the children all warlike demonstrations manifested in their play, against the adornment of our walls with pictures of military heroes and scenes, calculated to inspire a love for military glory.

The subject of oaths was largely dwelt upon, and Friends were reminded of their duty in obeying and teaching the positive command of our Lord and His Apostles, "Swear not at all."

A deep interest was manifested in the cause of Temperance, and earnest appeals were made that we, as a society, might take an advance step, coming up on higher ground than ever before in the total abstinence from the use of all alcoholics for medicinal purposes.

This proposed movement may seem unnecessary to some, but when we consider it will be a safeguard to the weak and to those who have unfortunately acquired a taste for these stimulants, should we not, in the exercise of a true Christian spirit, manifest a willingness on our part to sacrifice something for the good of others?

STATISTICAL ACCOUNT.

	Number reported last year.	Error in last year's report, gain.	Error in last year's report, loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number.
Rhode Island .	701	1	0	6	13	9	6	9	5	1	0	702
Salem	660	0	0	3	19	20	3	9	2	8	0	668
Sandwich . . .	732	0	0	2	16	1	3	7	1	0	10	722
Falmouth . . .	624	6	0	8	18	3	16	3	4	0	18	606
Smithfield . . .	418	0	3	1	9	2	2	3	4	0	12	406
Vassalboro . .	488	0	2	1	7	2	0	0	2	0	8	480
Dover	312	0	0	1	13	6	4	4	0	0	6	306
Fairfield	450	0	0	2	6	3	1	22	1	19	0	469
Total . . .	4385	7	5	24	101	46	35	57	19	28	54	4359
Total Loss .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	26	. .

24. This Meeting concurs with the Women's Meeting in the addition of Ruth S. Murray to the School Committee.

Adjourned to meet in joint session on Second-day Morning, the 11th, at 10 o'clock.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, THE 11TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

25. The Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel service have now presented a Report of their labor during the past year, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we conclude to continue this important and interesting work under the care of a Committee; and believing that usefulness would result from a new appointment, we conclude to set apart our friends Henry T. Wood, Rebecca H. Smiley, Benjamin F. Knowles, Olney T. Meader, Mary R. Hadwin, Elizabeth H. Valentine, George Douglas, Isaac Warren Hawkes, George Howland, Jr., Obadiah Chace and Daniel C. Maxfield, to produce at a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to whom this concern may be entrusted the coming year, and we greatly desire their encouragement. And to the end that the usefulness of the Committee may be increased, the Meeting entered into a voluntary contribution, and the sum of four hundred and sixty dollars was raised and placed in the hands of the Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MEETINGS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

During the year just closed, eighteen series of Meetings have been held, most of the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings have been visited, several wanderers have been brought into the fold of Christ; a large number of families have been visited, which has been a prominent feature of the work of the year; backsliders have been reclaimed, and in some meetings Christians have shaken off their dead weights of formalism and worldliness, and have received new experiences of God's grace, and been enabled to rejoice in a full salvation.

In places where labor has been bestowed with no perceptible results, the Committee rest in the hope that the seed thus sown may germinate and bear fruit under future showers of grace, and by the warming beams of the Sun of Righteousness, having the encouragement of God's written word, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters."—*Isa. xxxii: 20.*

We give in detail the work in the different Quarterly Meetings. There has been but little service bestowed in Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. A few meetings were held at Greenwich, and some Bible readings given; also at Peacedale, Hopkinton and Newport. The same may be said of the work in Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, but in this and the former Quarter the lack of labor by the Committee has been supplied by the faithful services of ministers from our own and other Yearly Meetings, who labored as their own sense of duty indicated, and these efforts have been blessed.

In Salem Quarter five series of Meetings are reported, viz.: two at Pittsfield, N. H., in the Tenth and Twelfth Months. At this place there is hope that a good Meeting may before long be established, to be made up mostly of new members. They are an inquiring class, and should be frequently visited and encouraged.

In the Eleventh Month a series of eight Meetings was held at Amesbury, also one held at Lynn in the same month continuing two weeks. Meetings were held each evening, and Bible Readings every afternoon, which were blest to many who came to listen to the Gospel. These Meetings were very satisfactory. The Church was quickened, and some reached a higher experience. One of the workers writes,—"The Meeting at Lynn was united as I never expected to see it, and a good work was done in the Redeemer's name." Salem has been visited several times on First-days, and at Boston, Bible Readings have been given, and the regular Meetings attended consecutively for several weeks, with good results.

We would report on behalf of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, that a series of Meetings was held at Bolton in Fourth Month last. The Meetings at Northbridge, Worcester, Woonsocket and Blackstone were also visited, and the faith of believers confirmed.

Within the limits of Dover Quarter, Series of Meetings were held at Rochester, North Sandwich and Dover. In each of these, Bible Readings were valuable aids to the work, by the blessing of God. At North Sandwich a prayer meeting was soon afterwards commenced, and quite a number of conversions proved the value of the work accomplished. At Gilmanton a series of twelve Meetings was held. An idea had crept in among them that perhaps it did not make very much difference whether the little Meeting was kept up or not, and the members were drifting toward various denominations. The work of the Committee seemed to be to convince them that watching or helping others to do their part of the work in the great harvest-field does not relieve us from responsibility when the Master shall find the part committed to us all neglected. Friends were very much cheered and encouraged. Several Meetings were held at North Berwick, Me., and faithful labor was also bestowed on families and individuals, and at the bedside of sick and suffering ones out of Christ, which resulted in several instances in turning the lost from a life of sin to lay hold by faith on the saving power of God.

Seven Series of Meetings have been held in Falmouth Quarter, as follows: Portland, Durham, Lewiston, Deering, and three at Windham. At Portland the series of Meetings was followed up for several weeks with continuous work, by one of the Committee, and good results were apparent.

VASSALBORO — In this Quarter the Meetings at China, West China, Dirigo, Vassalboro, and East Vassalboro have been visited and the members encouraged to "continue in the grace of God."—*Acts xiii: 43.*

In Fairfield Quarterly Meeting the Lord has graciously owned and blessed the service undertaken in His name for the reviving and renewing of the Church. At North Fairfield a series of fifteen meetings was held in the Tenth Month, where a very signal blessing was experienced. The Holy Spirit was poured out in large measure, and the result was continual, weighty testimony of men and women who had counted the cost, and deliberately placed themselves in the Lord's hands for service. A series of Meetings was also held at Winthrop in the Fifth Month with satisfactory results. The Meeting at West Gardiner was visited to the edification of believers.

Wherever series of Meetings have been held, the members have been visited at their homes, and this service has proved very profitable. In addition to the work done by the Committee, five series of Meetings have been held within our limits by messengers of the Gospel from other Yearly Meetings, in which precious souls were saved and numbers were added to the Church.

EXTRACTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

We annex some extracts from the report of Ministers engaged in evangelistic work.

1st. — "I feel that the time is fully come when we are called upon to rebuild the walls of our Jerusalem, and I hear amid discouragements the call, 'Arise and build.'"

2d. — "My work of late has not been so much evangelistic, that is, to reach and convert outsiders, as directly to the Church. I find a lamentable state of ignorance of, or indifference to, the real object of Church organization. So many of our members seem to feel that if they attend their Meetings the most of the time, and the Answers to the Queries are not lame on their account, they are doing about all that is required of them. Their religion is of a negative rather than of a positive character, consisting not in doing, but in not doing."

3d. — "The Lord has given us some precious seals to our ministry during the last year, for which we praise His blessed name and give Him all the glory. The great difficulty is that too long intervals elapse between the visits of the Yearly Meeting Committee. The ground needs to be gone over very frequently in order that the best results may be obtained."

We are convinced that, in order to retain the benefits of these Meetings, and hold all the positions where an advance step has been taken, pastors and teachers filled with the Holy Ghost, are greatly needed to follow up the work, and dispense according to the needs of the living members — "milk for babes," and "strong meat to them that are full of age, even to those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" *(Heb. v: 14)*, and we would earnestly commend this subject to the prayerful attention of the Yearly Meeting. Revivals have marked the history of God's people throughout the whole course of His dealing with them, and our experience during the past year has demonstrated their propriety and value as we have labored aggressively under the constraining power of the love of Christ, for they have proved a blessed means of growth and ingathering; but many barren fields yet lie before us, inviting laborers to plant and water for the Master. We would recommend to the Yearly Meeting the continuance of such labor in the future under the care of a Committee, so that Zion may yet "lift up her voice with strength, and say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!" —*Isa. xl: 9.*

For the Committee,

P. S. AYDELOTT, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The sum placed at our disposal in aid of this work was	$1,032 32
To which has been added	26 49
	$1,058 81
Expended during the year	539 78
Leaving in hands of the Committee	$519 03

ANNA G. WOOD, *Treasurer.*

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Met pursuant to adjournment.

26. The Committee to promote the cause of Temperance in our own Society and in the community at large, presented their Report. This important concern has, we believe, received the faithful care and interest of the Committee during the past year. We are hopeful that within our own borders the practice of total abstinence is gaining ground; and in the desire that as a body we may do our part in the work, we again refer the subject to the same Committee, with the exception of our late friend Abby S. Battey, deceased, for continued labor in this wide field of usefulness, The proposal for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Your Committee on Temperance have realized, as never before, the responsibility resting upon them as representing the sentiments of Friends in New England on the subject of total abstinence.

We entered upon our work at the beginning of the year with some knowledge of its needs; and, believing it to be under the care of the Master of the vineyard, we have desired to depend upon the Holy Spirit for guidance and counsel. Although we have met with discouragements, and doubtless have not been free from mistakes, we gratefully acknowledge that wherein we have walked with Him, our loving Lord has not only owned and blessed our labors, but has given us a full and rich reward in our souls.

Public Meetings have been held in all the Quarterly Meetings and nearly all the Monthly Meetings. Many of these Meetings have been held throughout the day and evening in connection with the Quarterly Meetings, and wherever held, your Committee have been received with marked kindness and courtesy, and their plans for the extension of the work have received hearty co-operation. Increased interest in this important subject is very noticeable wherever the work has been prosecuted.

In the juvenile department, your Committee have been very active. Temperance schools have been established for the systematic instruction of the young with regard to the effects of alcohol upon the system; First-day and week-day schools have been addressed, and in some cases temperance text books have been introduced into the public schools.

Books and tracts suited to local needs have been largely distributed.

The Friends in one State have been active in circulating a petition asking the Legislature to enact a law, making instruction in the effects of alcoholics and narcotics upon the system compulsory in our public schools.

The veteran of the Committee has prepared an able paper on Alcoholics as a Medicine, which he has read very acceptably in different localities.

A Meeting in Friends' School in Twelfth Month was profitably held.

One member of the Committee has spent the whole year within the limits of another Yearly Meeting, and with a consecration to the work which many of us would do well to copy, has obeyed the injunction to "sow beside all waters."

Our dear sister Abby S. Battey, of Woonsocket, R. I., who was deeply interested in the cause of Temperance, and who was ever ready to encourage and aid by both word and deed, has heard the summons, "Come up higher," and has entered into the joy of her Lord. Her loving words of sympathy will not soon be forgotten by us.

Your Committee have held in all seventy-one public Meetings, and fully as large a number have been attended by them for active service, which were not at the call of the Committee.

Constitutional prohibition, the scientific instruction of the masses, and the reformation of the inebriate, appear to be the main points in our work. We think the testimony of Friends on these points should be as clear and decided as on that of slavery in years past: — that every man should vote as he prays, and every woman, until she is granted the same right, should bring her influence to bear upon this vital question.

While we have been greatly pleased by the advance in our Society of the sentiment of total abstinence, we have been deeply pained to note the slow progress of the anti-tobacco sentiment. "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord," is the Divine injunction, which all would do well to heed, realizing at the same time that the uncleanness of the tobacco habit is the least objection to it. We will venture the assertion that slavery to the use of tobacco seriously interferes with usefulness in any department of Christian service. Other religious bodies are awake to this important subject. The Methodist Conference will not license a man to preach who uses tobacco or alcoholics. We very much desire that our own Society should take as high a stand.

We recommend a continuance of the work under a Committee, and that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be placed at their disposal.

In behalf of the Committee,

MARY ALMY CHASE, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Treasurer of the Committee on Temperance would make the following Report:—

Balance on hand from last year	$50 00	
Received of Yearly Meeting Treasurer the appropriation	150 00	
Received interest and collections	6 00	
		$206 00
PAYMENTS.		
Travelling expenses of workers	$142 69	
Literature, cards, etc.	47 30	
Postage and express	3 97	
Printing and stationery	2 75	
Balance in the Treasury	9 29	
		$206 00

JOHN F. CHASE, *Treasurer.*

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 11th, 1883.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Ezra Hawkes, *Chairman*,
Mary Almy Chase, *Secretary*,
John F. Chase, *Treasurer*,
Harriet D. Collins,
Ellen K. Buffum,
James R. Collins,
Charles A. Chace,
Elizabeth H. Valentine,
John F. Tucker,
William P. Macomber,
Phebe B. Slocum,
Hannah S. Wing,
Augustus F. Cox,
Esther Osborn,
Charles W. Goddard,
S. Jane Cox,
Edward S. Hacker,
Elizabeth N. Perry,
Joseph M. Hanson,
Alice Purinton,
Lydia E. Sawyer,
Samuel Buffum,
James S. Read,
Abigail Wheeler,
D. Wheeler Swift,
William Jacob,
Frank E. Jones,
Lydia E. Frye,
Hannah T. Jenkins,
Isaac Warren Hawkes,
Harriet N. Jones,
Emeline Meyers,
James P. Boyce,
Elizabeth T. Larkin,
Alice W. Hawkes.

27. The Committee appointed at a previous sitting in reference to the proposition from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, presented a Report which is accepted, and the Committee released. The Meeting did not see its way at this time to make any change in the Query as suggested.

28. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report. In connection with this, we have listened with deep interest to the testimony of our dear friend Eli Jones, who has lately returned from Brumana, to its successful work. We can but look for large and blessed results from the opening of the Girls' Training Home. We commend this interesting concern, which lies so near to the heart of this Yearly Meeting, to the continued care of Friends. We again entrust the charge to the same Committee for another year, with the exception of our late friend Abby S. Battey, deceased. The request of the Committee for an appropriation, is referred to the Committee on Finance. The sum of six hundred dollars was collected by voluntary contribution during this session, and placed in the hands of the Committee. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees, to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The ninth annual Report of the Foreign Mission Committee must in some measure repeat what has been said before, that the work is going on, that difficulties have been met with, but that the Master has been pleased to grant daily strength for daily need.

The two events of the year at Brumana have been the opening of the Girls' Training Home, and the visit of our friends, Eli Jones and Charles M. Jones.

The Girls' Training Home, placed on land donated by Maria Feltham and erected by subscriptions from Friends in America, was furnished by English Women Friends, and finally opened Tenth Month 27th, in the presence of about three hundred people, among whom were Princes, Members of the Tribunal, and other persons of influence. Addresses were made by Eli Jones, by the Judge of the Tribunal and others. A poem was read by the Secretary of the Central Government of Mt. Lebanon, and a hymn sung by the fifteen girls who had been selected for the Home. After this, the assembly dispersed, heartily expressing their good wishes, one man enthusiastically saying that he hoped the workers in the Home might live a thousand years.

Maria Feltham, in charge of the Home, is a Minister of our Society from England who has given herself to the work, actuated by the love of Christ. The teacher, Mairiana Abo Nasir, appears to be well fitted for her work, and is exerting a good influence.

Eli and Charles M. Jones arrived at Brumana Tenth Month 11th, 1882, and spent four months there. They found much service for their Master in preaching the Gospel, in aiding at the Hospital, at the Training Homes and Day Schools, besides acquiring a title to all the real estate there, which is now held by Wm. C. Allen, R. Kingston Fox and Edward Pearson, members of the English Syrian Committee, and Eli Jones, Charles M. Jones and Timothy B. Hussey, members of the Foreign Mission Committee of New England Yearly Meeting.

It was also found that the Mission had become so much enlarged that the entire care of all its various departments was resting too heavily on the shoulders of the superintendent; for his relief and the better carrying on of the work, a conference of the workers there who were members of the Society of Friends, and had definite departments of work under their care, was formed. These meet every alternate Fifth-day at 4 P.M. This division of labor and reponsibility is adding much to the efficient working of the Mission, and has been heartily approved by the English and our own Committee.

Their visit was evidently a strength and comfort to the earnest workers of the Mission, while they have aided us also by the reports they have brought us.

The First-day Meetings at Brumana have been attended by Greeks, Maronites, Greek Catholics, Druses and Protestants, about 200 in all. One day there was present a native of Mesopotamia, a negro woman rescued from slavery, and a Bedouin, who had pitched his tent near the Mission, besides the other nationalities. To all these the Gospel was fully and freely preached. First-day Meetings were also held at Beit Mary and Mansourich, both in the midst of much opposition, but blessed to those who attended them. Meetings are held in the evening for the instruction of the ignorant, and a mid-week Meeting at Brumana.

The Monthly Meetings have been regularly held and well attended; the members have been much encouraged by the Epistles received from various sources.

The Mothers' Meetings, temporarily discontinued on account of Susan Waldmeier's severe illness, have now recommenced, and are doing good work.

Tract distribution has been entered upon to some extent the past year, and 4000 tracts have been scattered through the villages. Many of the recipients have testified in regard to them, saying, "We can understand religion now much better; we have a better idea of Jesus Christ, and we have learned that He is indeed the true Saviour."

The Training Home for Boys has now thirty-one pupils, and there is a commendable degree of improvement in them. The value of the education there is so highly esteemed by the people of the neighborhood, that there are many more applications than can be received, Many of the boys who have left the School are gaining their own living, and, by their conduct, doing credit to the instruction they have received. Three of them have become members of the Monthly Meeting.

The Day Schools at Brumana and neighboring villages have been continued, except the one at Roomy, which was closed for a time, and then re-opened under the care of a female teacher, since which time it has been prosperous. Some of the scholars have died during the year, but we have the consoling assurance that they trusted in Jesus. One of them, just before she died said to those around her, "I learned to love Jesus in the School, and I love him now." She repeated this twice, and then passed on, as we believe, to Glory.

The Hospital and Dispensary continue to be under the devoted care of Dr. Beshara. About 3500 souls have heard the good tidings of salvation in connection with this department during the past year.

Besides many large donations in money this year, we have thankfully to acknowledge the kindness of many friends who contributed to fill the Christmas box for the children. It arrived just in time, and the joy and gratitude with which its contents were received was very great. Another valuable gift was the nice flooring of marble tiles for the verandah of the Boys' Home, contributed by Joseph A. Faker, a member of Brumana Monthly Meeting, at a cost of about $55.

Our proportion of the expenses of the Mission has been paid as usual. The demand upon us has however exhausted the means at our control.

The appropriation by the Yearly Meeting was aided by many subscriptions, especially those for $100 each from Clark Shove, B. F. Knowles, Sarah Slade, James H. Chace, Ellen L. Congdon and Elizabeth H. Farnum. The two latter payments were, at the request of the donors, added to the permanent fund for the Girls' Training Home. The Women of Western Yearly Meeting have materially aided in the support of the latter Institution by undertaking the education of seven girls.

We commend the Mission at Brumana to the continued care of the Yearly Meeting, and ask an appropriation of $750 toward its support the current year.

On behalf of the Committee.

SUSAN T. THOMPSON, *Clerk*.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 11th, 1883.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Eli Jones.
Rebecca H. Smiley,
William Thompson,
Susan T. Thompson,
Harriet N. Jones,
George Howland, Jr.,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Augustus F. Cox,
Eliza P. Varney,
Harriet D. Collins,
J. Warren Starkey,
Mary W. Jones,

Sylvia G. Howland,
Albert C. Buffum,
Henry T. Wood,
Anna G. Wood,
Obadiah Chace,
Eli Jepson,
Charles M. Jones,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
Celinda Metcalf,
William H. Beale,
Abbie M. Harris,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Elizabeth K. Hoxie,
Moses Sawyer,
Hannah B. Sawyer,
Rachel S. Howland,
Huldah H. Leighton.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY MORNING, THE 12TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

29. The Meeting was informed that the late General Conference of the Congregational Churches of Maine had sent to this Meeting a delegate who was in attendance at this session. He presented the following Minute, which was read:

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE.

BANGOR, *July 13, 1882.*

This may certify:—

That at the Annual Meeting of the General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine, held in Bangor, June 22, 1882, REV. FRANK E. CLARK, of Portland, Moderator of the General Conference of Maine, was chosen Delegate to the Yearly Meeting of the Friends in New England.

ELNATHAN F. DUREN, *Recording Secretary.*

Our visiting brother, in an address of Christian greeting, told us of the warm feeling of sympathy and regard which animated the Conference, as they looked forward to the gathering of this Yearly Meeting in Maine. He expressed the conviction that the oneness of all Christians in their Holy Head has ever been the bond of tender fellowship between God's children of whatever name, on earth. He lovingly expressed a desire that each body might be so earnestly engaged to press forward in the heavenly race, as to be an incentive to the other, and to Christians around us, to greater zeal, to more faithfulness, and to an entire dedication to our Lord, each looking forward to the time when all His children shall meet together around His throne to unite in the ascription of praise to Him who had redeemed us out of every nation with His own blood.

This meeting responds in tender love and fellowship with the earnest desire that our Heavenly Father's richest blessing may rest upon the Conference and all it represents, and that at last we may be united in the one congregation in Heaven.

30. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting.

31. A postscript to the Epistle received from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, in reference to the building of a Friends' Meeting House at Washington, D.C., has been read, and we appoint our friends, Ezra Hawkes, Charles M. Jones, Benjamin F. Knowles, Obadiah Chace, George Howland, Jr., Samuel R. Buffinton, Charles M. Bailey, William Thompson, Charles B. Cates, George Douglas, Ellen K. Buffum, Anna M. Hussey, Hannah J. Bailey, Rachel B. Nichols, Sophia D. Bailey, Anna G. Wood, Margaret B. Cates, Ruth S. Murray, and Electa Jane Collins, to consider the subject, and report their judgment thereon at a future sitting.

32. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, viz. :—

SUMMARY OF ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES FROM THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

1. With little exception, we are diligent in attending our Meetings for worship and discipline, and in good measure careful to promote the attendance of our families.

2. With some exception, we are in unity one with another, and with the Meetings to which we belong, harmoniously laboring together in gathering unto Christ.

3. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and careful not to misquote or misapply them, with some exceptions noted in the Answers from two of the Quarterly Meetings.

MINUTE OF THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

THE presence of the Lord has been mercifully granted unto us at this time as we have been drawn closely together in the bonds of Christian love, and have realized the preciousness of the oneness in Christ who is the Head over all things to His Church, God blessed forever.

An earnest desire has prevailed that our Society might be a more earnest and efficient agency in the Lord's hands in carrying the good news of salvation to a lost and needy world.

Fervent supplication was offered that the Lord would remember Zion, and strengthen her stakes and lengthen her cords. In the construction of tents the stakes and cords are proportionate. We were instructed that if we would see our borders enlarged, our stakes must be sound and strong, that longer cords may be tied to them.

The pathway of the believer, with some of the trials incident to the journey of human life were set forth and the words of the Saviour revived, "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

There is peace in Christ, in whom the child of the Lord rejoices with joy unspeakable and full of glory. As we come near to the Saviour in fellowship with the Father and the Son, we get near to one another in love, and experience a preparation to work in the Master's service.

Unitedly we need to wage aggressive warfare against the foe without, not hedging ourselves up in the citadel, and let each work in the way the Master leads; all are not called to work in the same way; and may the Lord pour out upon us the spirit of life and power.

In the early days of this Society, sharp instruments were raised up among the young declaring the glory of the Lord with wondrous power to the conversion of souls. The cause now needs the zeal and fervor of this class.

New life should not be subdued, but its holy energies bent in the right direction, in channels of usefulness for the Church.

Powerless ourselves, let us remember the words of one, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me."

Living near the fountain, we may be kept holy, harmless, undefiled, showing forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

ALFRED H. JONES, *Clerk.*

33. The Committee on Mission Work in North Carolina and other States in the South have made their Report, which has been read. We feel grateful that the Committee have been enabled to accomplish so much, especially in the educational department of their work; evidently the Lord is blessing their efforts, and we conclude to continue the concern under the care

of a Committee. We refer the nomination of a Committee to our friends, John W. Hanson, Louisa N. Meader, Nathan Pope, Sarah W. Goddard, William P. Macomber, Susan T. Thompson, Myra E. Frye, Reuben T. Jones, Anna M. Hussey, Benjamin A. Chace and Alfred H. Jones. The application for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA MISSION.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Educational and Mission Work in North Carolina have continued the care of this important field of labor during the past year, and are gratified to be able to report that we believe the efforts have been blessed.

Three schools have been sustained a part of the year, all of them in Iredell County, as our limited means prevented us from extending further. The schools were at Hunting Creek, Winthrop and Cedar Grove. That at Hunting Creek is now in session, and is a flourishing school, under the instruction of James A. Johnson, assisted by Nancy J. Johnson. The teacher reports a total enrollment of 60. The school will close at the end of the present month, which will complete eight months of school in that place, an assistant teacher having been employed four months of the time. Both of these teachers were scholars in our first school instituted in this Mission field six years ago. They and many more of our first scholars are now well educated, ambitious and useful citizens. One of them, who was a very promising young man just entering into usefulness, was taken sick and died a few months ago. His death was a triumphant and happy one. He was teaching one of our schools when attacked with the disease which ended his life. During his sickness, he often expressed his heart-felt gratitude for what had been done for him and his people by New England Friends, and often prayed for his benefactors.

Fannie Carson continued the school at Winthrop six months of the past year, with the same earnest devotion that has characterized her labors during the past six years of her work in that place, and it is impossible for words to express how great a change has been wrought there in that time. A flourishing Meeting and Bible School have been established by her labors. The people have been elevated, and an ambition aroused in many of them that was never felt before. Yet there is so much room for improvement in some, that she feels that, in comparison to it, what has been done is very small.

The School at Cedar Grove, by our aid, was held three months. The Report of the teacher was satisfactory.

One hundred and twenty-four scholars attended our three schools. Most of them were the children of Friends.

Two barrels well filled with clothing and useful articles were sent to this Mission field last Winter: one from Lynn by the care of Elizabeth K.

Hoxie, and one from New Bedford by Sarah A. Holmes, both of whom have the gratitude of the other members of the Committee, and the heartfelt thanks of those whose necessities were relieved by the timely-sent articles

We think it advisable to continue the Mission another year under the care of a Committee, and that $350 be appropriated to promote this work.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Secretary*.

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 12th, 1883.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1882.	RECEIPTS.		
Twelfth Month.	Received of Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting	$300 00	
1883. Fifth Month.	Received from a Friend	65 68	
			$365 68
1882.	EXPENDITURES.		
Sixth Month.	Balance last year's account	$1 08	
Eleventh Month	Paid for school books	3 33	
Twelfth Month.	In aid of poor Friends	5 00	
	Freight on goods, etc.	4 00	
1883.			
Second Month.	School books and postage	22 06	
	Traveling expenses of teacher	3 47	
Fourth Month.	Teachers' salaries from Tenth Month 26th, 1882, to Third Month 21st, 1883.	255 00	
	Paid Teachers on acct. of salaries	20 00	
Sixth Month.	Paid Teachers balance of salaries	51 74	
			$365 68

For the Committee,

MATTHEW HOWLAND, *Treasurer*.

NEW BEDFORD, Sixth Month 1st, 1883.

34. The Committee, appointed for that purpose, propose the following named Friends to constitute a Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel service, which are satisfactory, and they are appointed accordingly, viz.:—

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MEETINGS.

Eli Jones, *Chairman*,
Phebe S. Aydelott, *Secretary*,
Anna G. Wood, *Treasurer*,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Ruth S. Murray,
Henry T. Wood,
Alice Almy,
Henry C. Aydelott,
Harriet D. Collins,
Elizabeth T. Larkin,

Charles H. Jones,	William Thompson,
William Jacob,	Susan T. Thompson,
Charles M. Jones,	Cyrus Cartland,
I. Warren Hawkes,	Timothy B. Hussey,
William P. Macomber,	Hannah S. Wing,
Sarah W. Goddard,	George H. Farr,
Lydia Haight,	Joseph E. Briggs.

The Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel work have districted the Yearly Meeting, and appointed Superintendents of the same. as follows:—

District No. 1, comprising Vassalboro and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings; CHARLES M. JONES, Supt., Winthrop, Maine.

District No. 2, comprising Falmouth and Dover Quarterly Meetings; TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY, Supt., North Berwick, Maine.

District No. 3, comprising Salem and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings; CHARLES H. JONES, Supt., South Weare, N. H.

District No. 4, comprising Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings; HENRY C. AYDELOTT, Supt., Fall River, Mass.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon in joint session.

AFTERNOON. — Met pursuant to adjournment.

35. The Committee on the Concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South, have presented their Fifth Annual Report, together with the Report of the Condition of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn, made by its Superintendent, William P. Hastings. The care of this Committee, as well as the advancement of the pupils under their charge is very satisfactory. We again refer this concern to the same Committee. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Again in presenting our Report to the Meeting, of the work done last year at Maryville, Tennessee, for the elevation of the Freedmen, by giving them a good secular education to fit them for usefulness, and a sound Christian training that looks more to the change of a bad heart to a good one than to a mere profession of religion. we find much that is encouraging, and for which we ought to be truly thankful.

The School opened favorably, at the usual time in the Eighth Month.

with one hundred and seven pupils enrolled. Owing to many who were arranging to teach district schools, only eight were in the Normal Class.

At the close of the Fall Term, in the Twelfth Month, one hundred and seventy-two were enrolled, and thirty-five were in the Teachers' Training Class, and sixty-three of the Institute's former students engaged in teaching.

The Spring Term opened in the First Month, 1883, and had two hundred and twenty-five enrolled, eighty-five of them in the Normal Class, and fifty former students teaching in different States. This number continued to increase until two hundred and thirty-seven were enrolled, and, during the year, one hundred and nine had been in the Teachers' Training Class, receiving instruction with the view of being fitted for teaching, and eighty former students, during the year, were engaged in district or common schools.

The interest taken in the Sabbath Schools and the Religious Meetings indicates a growth in the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ, which, while it fits for business, gives true dignity to man.

We have reason to believe that, in no previous year has the Institution accomplished more successfully the object for which it was established.

William P. Hastings, the Principal of the School, has been much of the time from home, laboring in the interest of temperance and education among the colored people; the management has devolved mostly upon the Assistant Superintendent, his daughter, L. A. Garner, helped by her husband, mother and others; but all under the general supervision of the Principal, whose labors from home, we trust, have made the Institution more generally known to those it was designed to benefit

Some needed repairs were made the past year upon the building, principally upon the porch, but not being able to make a satisfactory arrangement for covering the roof until it was too late, it was allowed to remain at some inconvenience, but negotiations are now going on which it is hoped will prove satisfactory.

The amount due the Principal, above last year's appropriation, and the repairs, with some bedding for the dormitory, and a much needed pump, have all been paid by the rent of the rooms in the dormitory, including two dollars given by a dear friend.

The noble work done at this Institution for the colored people and our country, we hope will not be curtailed for the want of pecuniary help. We therefore ask for an appropriation of $1,000.

For the Committee.

B. F. KNOWLES.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREEDMEN'S NORMAL INSTITUTE, MARYVILLE, TENN., FROM EIGHTH MONTH 21ST, 1882, TO FIFTH MONTH 18TH, 1883.

Number of days taught	188
Number enrolled	237

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Averaged daily		96.7 +
Number in Teachers' Training Class		109
Number teaching in different States during the year		80
Number of Teachers sent out from the first		119
Number of boarders in the buildings		64
Whole number of boarders in the buildings and elsewhere		75
Cost of board to each self-boarder, per week, about		$1 00
Number of colored Friends belonging to Maryville Monthly Meeting		62
Number taught	Arithmetic	206
	English Grammar	169
	English Composition	118
	Geography	106
	United States History	35
	Book-keeping	6
	Algebra	8
	Latin	4

In comparing the Statistics of this and previous years, it will be observed that a larger number have been enrolled than during any preceding year. The attendance also has improved. The advancement has been well sustained. The cheerful submission of the students to our plan of thorough qualification in the branches especially needed to fit them for the practical duties of life, instead of the ordinary process of "cramming" with a smattering of branches, with high-sounding names, has been worthy of note.

The Bible School work has been especially interesting, as have also the Meetings for Worship and Discipline of Southern Preparative Meeting, whose stated Meetings have been held twice a week during the year, besides a series of Meetings held by a dear Friend and Minister of the Gospel, from Ohio, together with a Ministering Friend from Indiana, who joined him in the service a part of the time.

The peaceable principles of the Gospel as professed by Friends have been faithfully upheld in the religious Meetings and First-day School; and, as opportunity offered, in the course of imparting literary instruction in the general work of the Institution. We now have many warm advocates of the principles of Peace, even among those not members of our religious Society.

Through twelve years of labor in this work at Maryville, we feel thankful to acknowledge that we have been sustained by the hand of our Divine Master, whom we have ever found to be strength in weakness and a present help in every time of need.

WILLIAM P. HASTINGS, *Principal.*

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Benjamin F. Knowles,
Charles F. Coffin,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Moses Sawyer,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Hannah B. Sawyer.

36. The Trustees of the George Sturge Fund now presented their second Annual Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and is as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE STURGE FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The investment of the Fund remains the same as at our last Report, and the twenty-five consolidated mortgage bonds of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, £200 each, are, for safe keeping, in the vaults of the Rhode Island Safe Deposit Co., in Providence.

The trust deed, at our last report, which was in England where it had been sent to receive some necessary legal endorsements, has since been returned and recorded, giving the Trustees power to collect the bonds when due, which without the endorsements they would not have had. This deed is also kept in the vault with the bonds.

Sixteen students in the Fall Term and fifty-eight in the Spring Term were in the Teacher's Training Class, receiving help from the truly noble gift of our dear English friend. The time these students have been helped by the fund is equal to giving instruction to more than thirty-two for an entire school year of thirty-eight weeks. This benefit, Friends and the donor may rest assured is not unappreciated by the recipients.

The principal cause why so few were in the Normal Class during the Fall Term, may be found in the engagements that young men and women were making to teach district or common schools, and the unusual prevalence of small pox in some sections of the Southern States contiguous to Maryville.

As the colored people in East Tennessee are not numerous, the school for students is dependent largely upon other places; and when it is more generally known that students, who intend fitting themselves for teaching, can be liberally helped, it is believed the Fall Term will be more fully attended.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last account	$109 50	
Received for coupons due Seventh Month, 1882	727 50	
Interest on deposits in Eleventh Month	6 39	
Received for coupons due First Month, 1883	727 50	
Interest on deposits up to Fifth Month	14 09	
		$1,584 98

EXPENDITURES.

Paid as per bills of students for Fall Term	$120 75	
Paid as per bills of students for Spring Term	804 00	
Balance on hand Sixth Month 1st, 1883	660 23	
		$1,584 98

For the Trustees.

B. F. KNOWLES.

TRUSTEES OF THE STURGE FUND.

Benjamin F. Knowles, South Manchester, Conn.
Samuel R. Buffinton, Fall River, Mass.
Augustine Jones, Providence, R.I.
Owen Dame, Lynn, Mass.
Rebecca H. Smiley, New Bedford, Mass.
Ellen K. Buffum, Providence, R.I.
Susan T. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.

37. The Committee to disburse the income arising from the Mosher Fund presented their Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Committee is continued for service another year. The Report is as follows, viz.:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to disburse the income of the Mosher Fund report that the books purchased during the year have been 524 copies of "Memories of Stanley Pumphrey," and 480 copies of a new edition of "Valiant for the Truth." The latter have just been procured, and are not yet distributed.

We also contributed seventy-five dollars in aid of Friends' Mexican Mission, which, together with a like sum appropriated by the Mosher Committee of New York Yearly Meeting, defrayed in part the cost of printing in the Spanish language some small books illustrative of the doctrines and principles of our religious society.

Our receipts and expenditures have been as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Remaining on hand from last year	$176 77	
Received from Charles F. Coffin for Trustees	482 46	
Received interest on deposits to First Month 1st, 1883 . .	2 11	
		$661 34

EXPENDITURES.

Sent to Samuel A Purdie, Mexico	$75 00	
Paid for 524 copies of "Memories of Stanley Pumphrey"	314 40	
Paid for 480 copies of "Valiant for the Truth"	240 00	
Paid expenses of transportation	14 55	
Remaining in hands of Committee	17 39	
		$661 34

On behalf of the Committee,

ALFRED H. JONES,
REBECCA H. SMILEY.

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 9th, 1883.

COMMITTEE ON THE INCOME OF THE MOSHER FUND.

Henry T. Wood,	Rebecca H. Smiley,
Alfred H. Jones,	Ruth S. Murray,
John Ellwood Paige,	Esther Jones.

38. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOSHER FUND.

INCOME FOR PAST YEAR.

Balance from last year	$7 46	
Interest from Boston Bond	500 00	
Interest from New Bedford Institution for Savings	30 49	
Interest from Lynn Institution for Savings	63 98	
		$601 93

EXPENDITURES FOR PAST YEAR.

Paid to J. Ellwood Paige, Treasurer of Publishing Com.	$482 46	
Added to capital, one-fifth of income	119 47	
		$601 93

INVESTMENT OF THE MOSHER FUND.

City of Boston 5% Registered Bond	$10,000 00
Lynn Institution for Savings	1,684 46
New Bedford Institution for Savings	701 16
	$12,385 62

For the Trustees,

C. F. COFFIN.

LYNN, Sixth Month 6th, 1883.

39. The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools was presented and read, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Committee now under appointment is continued for service another year. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The past year we have given the subject our careful attention, and, in various parts of our Yearly Meeting, Friends have been interested and willing to assist in forwarding the work; yet there is need of more earnest and united action. Conferences have been held at South Durham, Me., and at New Bedford, Mass. Delegates were chosen from nearly all the Schools, and at South Durham fifty-three attended, at New Bedford the attendance was not as large, but at both places Friends gave them a most cordial welcome. These Conferences, we believe, were blessed by our loving Father, and many were encouraged and quickened to greater devotion to the work of the Bible School.

Quarterly Conferences have been held by all the Quarterly Meetings, except one.

Thirty-two Schools report an increasing interest in Bible study, and forty-three use lesson helps, eight of this number use those prepared by Friends.

We have received a request from Salem Quarterly Conference, that this Yearly Meeting take some action in regard to publishing a series of Lesson Helps, which shall be fully equal to any in merit, and set forth the truths of the lesson as believed by us. We recommend that the sum of $200 be placed at the disposal of the Bible School Committee which may be appointed at this time; and now commend to the care of the Yearly Meeting this work, the importance of which cannot be estimated.

We present the following Statistical Report of the Bible Schools in the several Quarterly Meetings:—

	Number Schools.	Number Scholars.	Number Friends in Schools.	Average Attendance.		Number Schools.	Number Scholars.	Number Friends in Schools.	Average Attendance.
Rhode Island	9	571	246	401	Smithfield .	7	262	139	157
Salem . . .	8	400	251	256	Vassalboro .	3	120	76	66
Sandwich . .	8	267	153	223	Dover . . .	5	159	114	120
Falmouth . .	10	399	217	254	Fairfield . .	6	458	446	279

Four Schools with an aggregate membership of about one hundred and eighty have not been reported.

PHEBE WING, *Secretary pro tem.*

O. T. Meader, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$31 56	
Appropriation for 1882–83	50 00	
		——$81 56

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses, printing, etc., for the two General Conferences	$38 55	
Other expenses of Conferences	16 90	
Traveling expenses, visiting Sshools	6 00	
Printing Reports of Schools	9 00	
Literature supplied	16 28	
	$86 73	
Balance due the Treasurer	5 17	
		$81 56

The suggestion contained in the Report in regard to publishing a series of Lesson Helps, claiming our attention, we conclude to refer the subject to a Committee who shall be authorized to decide upon the feasibility of uniting their efforts with the "Friends' Publishing Association," or to act independently, as their judgment may dictate. This Committee are authorized to receive subscriptions from such Friends as are willing to contribute to carry on the work. We appoint Charles Taber, Ruth S. Murray, Charles H. Jones and George A. Barton as said Committee.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Isaac Warren Hawkes, *Chairman* and *Treasurer*, Manchester, Me.
Phebe Wing, *Secretary*, North Fairfield, Me.
Harriet D. Collins, Hopkinton, R.I.
John Metcalfe, 48 Channing St., Worcester, Mass.
Charles W. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.
Olney T. Meader, 355 Dudley St., Boston Mass.
Sarah A. Hill, Merrimac, Mass.
William T. Collins, Hopkinton, R.I.
John F. Tucker, New Bedford, Mass.
Rachel S. Howland, New Bedford Mass.
Caleb Jones, China, Me.
Mary R. Jones, China, Me.
Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
Almira B. Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
Elizabeth A. Douglas, Lisbon Falls, Me.
Saloma C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.

NOTE.—The first six named constitute an Executive Committee.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING, THE 13TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

40. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, have presented a Report which has been read. The wonderful improvement in civilization and Christianization which has characterized the efforts of Friends in behalf of this much injured and oft provoked people, is cause of reverent gratitude to our Father in Heaven for what has been done in the past, and believing that usefulness would result from the continuance of this interesting work under the care of a Committee, we conclude to continue the Friends now under appointment for service another year, with the addition of Augustine Jones and Anthony M. Kimber. The sum of four hundred and nineteen dollars ($419) was raised in the Meeting to assist in building two meeting-houses within the limits of Grand River Monthly Meeting, Indian Territory, The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

The Joint Committee on Indian concerns report that while nearly all the direct labor in behalf of the Indians must devolve upon the Associated Executive Committee of the several Yearly Meetings, our Committee has to some extent co-operated with them, and have upheld them in their work.

There continue to be three Friends acting as agents, who were nominated by us, viz. : John D. Miles. at the Cheyenne and Arrapahoe Agency; Laban J. Miles, at the Osage Agency; and Jacob V. Carter, of the Sac and Fox Agency. The number of Indians under their care is about 10,500. The Indian Commissioner has informed the Committee that it may be called upon to nominate a Friend for another Agency during the coming year.

There are seven Boarding Schools and two day schools reported, beside three schools among Shawnees in Cherokee County assisted by us. These had an enrollment of 602 pupils during the year. The average attendance however was considerably less. Six of the Superintendents and Matrons have been Friends; of the Teachers and Helpers in the Schools, seventeen are members with Friends. In all the Boarding Schools, those who are old enough work at farm or household employments. Indeed, this branch of education seems to be kept largely in view in the future of the Indians. Great promise of good in this direction is, we trust, to be realized from the school now established at Wabash, Indiana.

As in the past, however, we find that the religious work is most largely our sphere, and gives the richest promise of blessing.

Grand River Monthly Meeting of Friends report their number 140. During the past year 17 have been received into membership, 4 disowned, and 3 died. Very many of them are leading good, exemplary lives, as Christian men and women, while some have seemingly received the Word with gladness, yet having no root in themselves, soon withered. Still many are firm and faithful in the attendance of the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings. During a part of the past winter traveling was almost impossible; some of them would say when Monthly Meeting time came, "We must try to be at our Meeting," and were there. It is truly gratifying to see them so relying on the Lord as their leader and helper. Their testimony is, that they are glad they have found the way. It is remarkable how some of these have stood up so bravely and conscientiously to do the Master's work. Steamboat Frank is a truly devoted man, not only when at meeting, but in regard to everything. His question is, "Does the Lord want this or that?" The Master's decision is his. Others show their faith by works.

At Falmouth Quarterly Meeting an amount was subscribed to defray the expenses of two Indians to Kansas Yearly Meeting. A letter was received, signed by two Modocs, expressing their gratitude for the favor, from which the following was taken: — "I very much thank the Friends for leading us the way our Saviour to go, was very interested in the Friends to take us to Yearly Meeting. It just opened mine eyes to see the way for me to go. So I would try to love the Lord with all my heart. I have never forgotten yet what I promised them, and they me that they would pray for me. So many of the white people from far away were surprised to hear Indians talking in meeting. They thought the Indians would not learn of the Saviour; that it was hard for them to learn about Christ; but it seems to me when they taste the crumbs from the Master's table, that it is sweet to them, they love to think of Christ."

Eliza Watson, who wrote for them, adds, "I want to say I was very much impressed by the solemn manner with which they spoke, it seemed like a meeting for worship more than dictating a letter."

The Bible Schools in Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting have collected about $50.00 which they have forwarded to John M. Watson. $56.13 of the Lemuel Gifford bequest has been used to repair the White Institute at Wabash County, Indiana.

The whole amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $3500. The quota of this Yearly Meeting is $595. We recommend that this sum be appropriated.

On behalf of the Committee,

SARAH W. GODDARD.
JOS. E. BRIGGS.

41. We have felt drawn to send a delegation to the approaching Conference of Congregational Churches of Maine, soon to assemble in Farmington. For this service, and to convey to the Conference our Christian salutation, we appoint our friends Timothy B. Hussey and Rebecca H. Smiley.

42. The Committee appointed for that purpose presented the following Report, viz. :—

To the Yearly Meeting :

The Committee appointed to propose names for a Committee for Mission Work in North Carolina present the following, viz. :—

Benjamin F. Knowles,
Alfred H. Jones,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Mary R. Jones,
Matthew Howland,
James R. Collins,
Elwood G. Macomber,
Charles A. Chace,
Phebe S. Aydelott,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Susan H. Meader,
Olney T. Meader,
A Chalkley Collins,
Phebe Wing,
Martha Varney,
Arthur M. Hussey,
Jennie M. Cartland,
Mary E. Cartland,
Susan G. Kempton,
Rachel S. Howland,
Charles M. Jones,
Nellie Bangs,
Joseph E. Briggs.
Mary S. Wood,
Richard Battey,
Sarah J. Swift,
Nellie Johnson.

On behalf of the Committee, JOHN W. HANSON,
SUSAN T. THOMPSON.

Portland, Sixth Month 13th, 1883.

The Report is approved, and the Friends proposed are appointed to that service.

43. The Representatives to whom was referred the proposition from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, report as follows, viz. :

To the Yearly Meeting :

The Representatives to whom was referred the Proposition from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, asking the Yearly Meeting to consider the propriety of curtailing some of its annual expenses, have carefully considered the subject, and, while they feel great sympathy for those of our members who find it hard to meet all the demands upon their small means, it does not seem to them proper to recommend any change at this time in the policy heretofore practiced by the Yearly Meeting in raising funds to meet its appropriations.

OWEN DAME, *Clerk*.

Portland, Sixth Month 12th, 1883.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting.

44. The Committee on the subject of Peace have presented their Annual Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the subject of Peace report that some tracts and other reading matter illustrative of this subject have been distributed during the year.

A memorial addressed to both houses of the Congress of the United States was prepared, strongly commending to that body the subject of arbitration in the settlement of differences between nations rather than to resort to war. This memorial was received with consideration, and appropriately referred.

Upon the subject referred to us by the Yearly Meeting, relative to the International Arbitration Convention, appointed to assemble in Philadelphia in the Eleventh Month next, we are united in the proposal that a delegation to that Convention be appointed at this time, and for that service we would nominate Eli Jones, Timothy B. Hussey and Anthony M. Kimber.

The sum of $38.88, in the hands of the Committee last year, has not been expended.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE RICHARDSON,
SUSAN T. THOMPSON.

Portland, Sixth Month 12th, 1883.

The Report is satisfactory, and we appoint the three Friends above-named, Delegates to the International Arbitration Convention; and that believing usefulness would result from the appointment of a new Committee,—John J. Frye, S. Jane Cox, Thos. B. Nichols, Charles A. Nichols, Myra E. Frye, James P. Boyce, Jacob K. Purinton and John Metcalfe are appointed to present at a future sitting the names of suitable Friends, to constitute said Committee.

45. The Committee under appointment in reference to the few members of our Society residing in the British Provinces, made the following Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS IN BRITISH PROVINCES.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee having charge of Friends from the British Provinces report that those under our immediate care have mostly become self-supporting; but as the advanced age of one renders continued care necessary, we would recommend that the case remain under the care of a small committee for the present.

The appropriation of last year has not been wholly expended, but we think an additional sum of twenty-five dollars will be required.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE RICHARDSON,
SARAH M. RICHARDSON.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 13th, 1883.

The nomination of a new Committee was referred to the Friends appointed to nominate a Committee on Peace.

46. The Committee to consider the Proposition from Baltimore Yearly Meeting presented the following Report, viz.:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITION FROM BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject brought before this Yearly Meeting by our Friends in Baltimore, would report that they have met and considered the proposition; they were united in recommending the appointment of three Friends to confer with the Committees of Baltimore, and such other Yearly Meetings who may concur in this object, and report to this Meeting next year. They would propose Ezra Hawkes, George Howland, Jr. and Benjamin F. Knowles as that Committee.

On behalf of the Committee.

RUTH S. MURRAY.

The Report is satisfactory, and we appoint the Friends nominated to that service.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon in separate sessions.

AFTERNOON.—Met pursuant to adjournment.

47. The Representatives propose the following-named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year. The Friends named are satisfactory to the Meeting and are appointed accordingly.

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MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

Benjamin F. Knowles,
Wm. C. Taber,
Charles M. Bailey,
Sophia D. Bailey,
Richard Battey,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Enoch Hoag,
George Howland, Jr.
Augustine Jones,
William Thompson,
Henry T. Wood,
Rachel B. Nichols,
George Douglas,
William O. Newhall,
Charles F. Coffin,
Charles Taber,
Lydia Haight,
Hannah J. Bailey,
S. Jane Cox,
Anna G. Wood,
Augustus F. Cox,
Jacob K. Purinton,
Anthony M. Kimber,
David K. Akin,
James H. Chace,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Mary W. Collins,
Reuben T. Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Eli Jones.
Thomas B. Nichols,
Gulielma M. Thorndike,
Huldah S. Buffum,
Susan T. Thompson,
Alfred H. Jones,
Harriet D. Collins,
Owen Dame.

48. Epistles to New York, North Carolina and Ireland were now read and approved.

49. The Committee appointed for that purpose propose the following-named Friends to constitute a Committee on the Subject of Peace, which is satisfactory and adopted, as follows, viz.:

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

James P. Boyce,
George A. Barton,
Charles W. Goddard,
Miriam Cartland,
Eli Jones,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Mary A. Gifford,
James R. Collins,
Charles H. Jones,
Huldah E. Jones.

50. Upon the nomination of the same Committee, the following-named Friends are appointed a Committee in reference to the few members of our Society in the British Provinces, viz.: — Benjamin F. Knowles, Hannah J. Bailey, George Richardson, Thomas B. Nichols and Rachel B. Nichols.

51. The Clerk is authorized to sign, on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend Alexander M. Purdy, viz.: — "Alexander M. Purdy attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us;" and similar ones for Rufus P. King, S. Adelbert Wood, Micajah M. Binford, Amos

M. Kenworthy, Phebe H. Kenworthy, Louisa M. Fulgum, Luke Woodard, John T. Dorland, Jr. and Mary H. Rogers.

52. The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend James T. Richardson, viz.: — "Our friend James T. Richardson, attended this Meeting. His company is acceptable to us."

53. This Meeting concurs with the Women's Meeting in adding Ruthanna H. Nichols and Phebe Wing to the Educational Committee.

54. The following Minute on behalf of our friend Isaac Sharp has been read and approved, and the Clerk directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting, viz.: — "To Darlington Monthly and Durham Quarterly Meetings, and London Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight:

DEAR FRIENDS:

Our beloved friend Isaac Sharp attended this Meeting with credentials from your Meetings. The company of this dear brother has been very acceptable to us. We have seen the cheerful alacrity of his service, and the protecting care of the Lord which has been extended over him through these long years. We rejoice in this manifestation of the truth of the Scriptural promise 'And I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not, for I will help thee.' His ministry in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ has been sound and edifying, and to the comfort of the Church, and we bid him God speed on his journey."

55. We appoint the following Committee to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also, to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, who now are or may then be under appointment, viz.: —

John F. Tucker,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Levi Jones,
Augustus F. Cox,
George Douglas,
Ezra Hawkes,
Eli Jones.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FIFTH-DAY MORNING, THE 14TH.—The Meeting again assembled.

56. Epistles to London, Baltimore, Indiana, Ohio, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and a Joint Epistle to Brumana Monthly Meeting were now read and approved; the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively; also those which were read at our last session.

57. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, etc., have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

We have attended to our appointment, and find the Treasurer's accounts as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance reported last year	$3,093 28	
Books of Discipline sold	24 50	
Dividends Eagle Bank Stock	80 00	
Dividends Five Cents Savings Bank, New Bedford	19 50	
E. Tatum, Trustee C. Sutton Fund, N. Y. Yearly Meeting, for journey of Eli Jones	200 00	
Loan from Merchants National Bank, N. B.	2,000 00	
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	920 00	
Salem Quarterly Meeting	680 00	
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting	1,400 00	
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting	160 00	
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting	178 00	
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting	156 00	
Dover Quarterly Meeting	160 00	
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting	280 00	
		$9,351 28

NOTE.—Smithfield and Vassalboro Quarterly Meetings are short in their quotas $22 and $44 respectively.

PAYMENTS.

Expenses at Newport, Sixth Month, 1882	$382 58	
Repairs on Meeting House at Newport	408 50	
Expenses on account of Eli Jones	1,922 24	
Printing	312 75	
Recording Minutes and Epistles	65 00	
Amount carried forward,		$3,091 07

Amount brought forward,	$3 091 07	
Express, postage, etc.	20 50	
Note paid to Merchants National Bank	2,000 00	
Interest paid to Merchants National Bank	41 00	
Associated Ex. Committee on Indians	510 00	
Bible School Committee	50 00	
Committee on Foreign Missions	750 00	
Freedmen	1,150 00	
North Carolina Mission	300 00	
to aid Friends in British Provinces	50 00	
on Temperance	150 00	
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	1,238 71	
		$9,351 28

INCOME OF BOSTON MEETING HOUSE FUND.

Balance on hand last year	$696 88	
Received interest on bonds	450 00	
Received interest on savings bank deposit	30 26	
		$1,177 14
Paid for rent of Wesleyan Hall, Boston	$380 00	
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	797 14	
		$1,177 14

We notice that some Committees report balances in their hands. In accordance with previous decisions of the Yearly Meeting, we recommend that all Committees be directed to settle with our Treasurer, and to pay to him all unexpended portions of their appropriations when they make their annual reports.

We recommend that four thousand dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate George Howland, Jr. for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

By direction of the Committee.

OWEN DAME.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 13th, 1883.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland, Jr., is appointed Treasurer; and Thomas Harkness is appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds. And the several Committees for whom appropriations are made are directed to conform to the recommendation made in the above Report. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed; and this Meeting also directs that it be paid into the Treasury on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

58. The Committee on Finance report as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We recommend that the following appropriations be made, viz:

For Associated Executive Committee on Indian affairs	$595 00	
Bible Schools	100 00	
Foreign Missions	750 00	
Freedmen	1,000 00	
North Carolina Mission	300 00	
Aid to Friends in British Provinces	25 00	
Temperance	150 00	
		$2,920 00

By direction of the Committee.

OWEN DAME.

Portland, Sixth Month 13th, 1883.

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Rhode Island—Samuel R. Buffinton.
Salem—Owen Dame,
Sandwich—George Howland, Jr.
Falmouth—Augustus F. Cox.
Smithfield—Richard Battey.
Vassalboro—Charles B. Cates.
Dover—Jacob K. Purinton.
Fairfield—Levi Jones.

59. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed; and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

60. Amid the varying circumstances of life, through the condescending goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father we were again permitted to assemble in a Yearly Meeting capacity, and with hearts continually uplifted to Him, we have been enabled

to transact the business which has come before us in true harmony and brotherly love. We acknowledge that as our eye has been upon Him for guidance He has proved himself faithful, and has richly blessed us in our association one with another, and in our communion with Him. As we now separate we feel to commend each other to the watchful care and continued protection of Israel's unslumbering Shepherd, proposing to meet again at Newport, R. I., on the second Sixth day of the Sixth Month, next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

(Omitted from page 40.)

Henry T. Wood,
Anna G. Wood,
John F. Tucker,
William O. Newhall,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Sarah Caroline Tobey,
Susan Peckham,
Mary W. Jones,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,
Augustine Jones,
Rebecca Anthony,
Eli Jepson,
Elizabeth K. Hozie,
John J. Frye, of Portland,
Myra E. Frye,
Thomas J. Battey.
Sarah W. Goddard,
Hannah T. Jenkins,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Anthony M. Kimber,
Thomas B. Buffum.

NOTE.—The Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting are :—
GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., New Bedford, Mass.
JOSEPH CARTLAND, Newburyport, Mass.

MINUTES

OF THE

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1883.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 8th, 1883.

By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.:—

From Rhode Island. — Huldah M. Beede, Charlotte D. Holmes, Ellen K. Buffum, Phebe S. Aydelott, Cynthia J. Earle, Harriet D. Collins, Mary E. Kenyon, Esther Chace and Rachel Anthony.

From Salem.—Gertrude W. Cartland, Cynthia W. Huntington, Mary Almy Chase, Mary A. Gove, Mary J. Rogers, Abigail C. Beede, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Amanda M. Brown, Mary J. Paige, Louisa P. Hoag, Anna M. Gove, Tacy P. Hawkes and Elizabeth H. Valentine.

From Sandwich. — Rachel S Howland, Hannah S. Wing, Ruth S. Murray, Susan S. Tripp, Mary E. Gifford, Lydia N. Bowerman, Sylvia G. Howland, Lydia B. Dillingham and Hannah A. Brightman.

From Falmouth. — Mary C. Hawkes, Martha F. Varney, Huldah H. Leighton, Mary A. Maxfield, Elizabeth A. Douglas, Miriam C. Webber, Lydia M. Pope, Esther Nichols, Mary W. Allen and Sarah R. Robinson.

From Smithfield. — Lydia Haight, Mary R. Hadwen, Abigail Wheeler, Jennie Allyn, Abby W. Randall, Dorcas H. Wheeler, Lydia A. Phelps, Maria Aldrich, Sarah J. Swift and Saloma C. Wheeler.

From Vassalboro. — Margaret B. Cates, Emily G. Ayer, Rachel B. Nichols, Mary C. Jones, Etta S. Cates, Mary R. Jones, Peace Jones, Eliza P. Peirce and Mary A. Estes.

FROM DOVER.— Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Hannah J. Roberts, Jane H. V. Durgin, Anna M. Hussey, Elizabeth G. Meader, Hepzibah H. Hoag, Sarah S. Evans, Mercy Jenness, Eliza P. Varney, Martha A. Roberts, Gulielma M. Purinton and Almira Roberts.

FROM FAIRFIELD. — Sarah M. Richardson, Christina Butterfield, Mary W. Tuttle, Mary G. Winslow, Phebe P. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, Lavina M. Briggs and Phebe Wing.

The names of the Representatives being called, they were all present except nineteen. For the absence of five of these satisfactory reasons were assigned.

The Assistant Clerk being absent, Phebe S. Aydelott is appointed to serve the Meeting in that capacity during this sitting.

Truly acceptable Epistles from our dear sisters of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, and North Carolina Yearly Meetings have been read at this time.

Our beloved friend Isaac Sharp, from England, in the course of a visit in Gospel love on this side of the Atlantic, is acceptably in attendance of this Yearly Meeting, and we receive it as a favor, that one, who, "in journeyings often," has for so many years been engaged in his Master's work, should be drawn to meet with us. He presented satisfactory testimonials of unity from Darlington Monthly Meeting, held Fourth Month 12th, 1877, endorsed by Durham Quarterly Meeting, held Fourth Month 19th, 1877; and a certificate from the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held in London, Fifth Month 21st and 22d, and Sixth Month 1st, 1877.

We have also at this time the company of several dear friends in the ministry, from various Yearly Meetings in our own land, viz.: — Alexander M. Purdy, of New York Yearly Meeting; Rufus P. King, of North Carolina Yearly Meeting; S. Adelbert Wood, of Ohio Yearly Meeting; Micajah M. Binford, Amos M. Kenworthy (and Phebe H. Kenworthy an Elder), of Indiana Yearly Meeting; Louisa M. Fulgum, of Iowa Yearly Meeting; John T. Dorland, Jr., and Luke Woodard, of Canada Yearly Meeting; who are cordially welcomed among us.

James T. Richardson, of Pickering, Ontario, companion to our friend Rufus P. King, has also presented satisfactory testimonials from his friends at home.

The subject of furnishing returning Minutes to our friends, now in attendance from other Yearly Meetings, is referred to the following-named Friends, viz.: — Ruth S. Murray, Hannah S. Wing, Sarah M. Richardson and Esther Chace, who will act jointly with a similar Committee appointed by the Men's Meeting.

The following-named Friends are appointed to present to our next sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence, viz.: — Electa J. Collins, Rachel P. Chace, Mary A. Gove, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Ruth S. Murray, Hannah S. Wing, Elizabeth A. Douglas, Myra E. Frye, Mary R. Hadwen, Lydia Haight, Peace Jones, Margaret B. Cates, Huldah S. Buffum, Anna M. Hussey, Phebe P. Jones and Sarah M. Richardson.

In being again permitted to meet in our annual assembly, the clothing of our spirits has been one of praise and thanksgiving. Fervent petitions have ascended to the throne of grace, that all the powers of our being may be yielded in loving obedience unto Him who has bought us, and that the work of the Lord may prosper in our hands. Those who are detained at home, some of whom may be sitting in solitary places, but whose spirits are, we believe, united with ours, have been tenderly and lovingly remembered before our Father's throne, and we have commended them with our own souls to His guardian care.

We adjourn to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Met near the 4th hour.

Huldah M. Beede, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing Anna G. Wood for Clerk, and Phebe S. Aydelott for Assistant Clerk, which nominations being severally approved, they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond have been received. Those from our dear sisters of Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Kansas and Canada have now been read. We have been again made to feel that the bond which unites us in one common faith is strengthened by these tokens of love and Christian sympathy, while we have been encouraged by accounts of active labor in various fields of Gospel and missionary work.

Changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting. viz.:—(See p. 5.)

The Committee, appointed at our morning session, to present the names of Friends for a Committee on Correspondence have presented the following for that service, viz.:—Ruth S. Murray, Adeline F. Chace, Sarah E. Buffinton, Louisa P. Hoag, Elizabeth K. Hoxie, Mary Almy Chase, Harriet D. Collins, Susan T. Thompson, Martha B. Osborn, Ellen K. Buffum, Rebecca H. Smiley, Myra E. Frye, Anna M. Hussey, Lydia M. C. Tuttle. Esther Jones, Mary Alice Gifford, Hannah F. Pratt, Huldah H. Leighton, Sarah M. Richardson, Hannah S. Wing, Esther Chace, M. Carrie Beede, Emily S. White, Margaret B. Cates, Minnie E. Macomber, Elizabeth T. Larkin and Etta S. Cates. who are approved, and they are requested to produce, as way may open, Essays in reply to the Epistles received.

We appoint our friends Mary R. Jones, Eliza P. Peirce, Mary Jane Gifford, Miriam Webber, Lavina M. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey, Amanda M Brown, Electa J. Collins and Ellen K. Buffum, to prepare a Summary of the Answers to the Queries received at this time from our several Quarterly Meetings. We desire that the Summary may be full and explicit, embracing the substance of all the Answers, as the proposition has been made, and is approved by the Meeting, that, in considering the Answers to the Queries the summary only should be read.

A proposition has been received from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, to consider the propriety of changing the first clause of the Fifth Query, relating to the use of intoxicating liquors. We unite with men Friends in appointing a committee to consider the subject and report to a future sitting, viz.:—Sarah W. Goddard, Mary C. Hawkes, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Hannah J. Roberts, Phebe R. Cartland, Ruth S. Murray, Mary C. Jones and Cynthia J. Earle.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting proposes that the time of holding its Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight be changed from 3 to 2 o'clock, P.M., of the day before the Quarterly Meeting.

The account from Salem Quarterly Meeting contains a proposition, that the time of holding its Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in the First Month be changed from 2, P.M., to 2.30, P.M.

This Meeting approves and ratifies the changes proposed.

The account from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting contains a proposition that the Yearly Meeting consider at this time the propriety of curtailing its expenses in some respects.

We agree with the Men's Meeting, to refer this subject to the consideration of the Representatives now in attendance, and they are requested to report their judgment thereon to a future sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SEVENTH-DAY MORNING, THE 9TH. Met according to adjournment.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our dear friend Mary H. Rogers, a minister from Kansas Yearly Meeting, who has presented satisfactory credentials from her friends at home.

An interesting Epistle was received and read at this time from the Monthly Meeting of Brumana on Mt. Lebanon. It has brought that Mission vividly before us as a light shining in a dark place, and called forth a loving response in this Meeting.

The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of our religious Society, as presented by the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, and proceeded through the First.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.— The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The examination into the religious condition of society was continued, and the remaining Queries and Answers were read.

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANSWER 1. Most of our Meetings for Religious Worship and Discipline have been regularly held, though each account notes some omissions of small Meetings, mostly from inclement weather and impassable roads.

Considerable deficiency is apparent in the regular attendance of these Meetings, especially in the middle of the week; two Meetings report an improvement in this respect. The appointed hour is generally observed, and but little unbecoming behavior noticed.

ANS. 2. With a few exceptions, love and unity appear to be maintained amongst us. Detraction not fully guarded against. When differences arise, care is taken to end them.

ANS. 3. Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train their children and others under their care in accordance with our Christian profession, but a more general care in these respects would be desirable.

ANS. 4. Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families, and there is a general care to encourage their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel ministry is maintained with few exceptions.

ANS. 5. Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Generally careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, and to observe moderation in all things.

ANS. 6. The circumstances of the poor, and of such as appear likely to need assistance, are inspected, their necessities relieved. Care is taken to educate their children, and to assist them in obtaining employment.

ANS. 7. Friends faithfully maintain our testimony in these respects.

ANS. 8. Nearly all our members are careful in the several parts of this Query.

ANS. 9. Not quite clear as to records and certificates.

ANS. 10. We believe the Discipline is administered impartially, but not always as timely as would be best. Judgment has been placed when necessary as queried after.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

DURING the consideration of the State of Society, as brought before us by the reading of the Queries with their Answers, we have been deeply impressed with a sense of our short-comings in the sight of God, and earnest have been the appeals to faithfulness in the several lines of Christian duty and privilege. Among these is the important one of attending our Meetings for Divine worship, not only on First-day, but in the middle of the week. They are a means of strength to our souls, little resting places by the way when our spirits have been worn and harassed by the cares of life. We urge it upon our dear young sisters to look at the privilege of coming into the presence of the King. Private communion with God in the home is not to be neglected, but we are to remember that united worship of God gives united strength.

Go to the Mid-week Meetings in an earnest, prayerful spirit, ready to receive and to hand out to others, in exhortation, in words of encouragement or testimony to the praise of God. This will be made all the more effectual by a season of retirement and prayer, before going to Meeting. Only individual faithfulness is necessary in this particular to insure that the Meeting be held in the power of the Lord.

Do not let us find fault with our Meetings, but proceed at once to do our part toward improving their condition. When our daily tasks press heavily, and we see no way to lay them aside, take this difficulty to the Lord, and He will make a way so that we can acknowledge with rejoicing, "The Lord God is my strength and He will make my feet like hinds' feet, and He will make me to walk upon mine high places;" and when He overcomes the obstacles and permits us to assemble with His people, we can often go in the strength of that meat many days.

Are our children so fully indoctrinated into the true spirit and meaning of public worship, that they will comprehend its importance and necessity? In the early history of the Church, when the fathers and mothers were cast into prison for their loyalty to truth, the children felt the responsibility of this duty, and gathered together as usual at the meeting place for the worship of Almighty God.

Encouragement has been extended to those who desire to meet with the people of God, but who are isolated from all church privileges. If these are faithful to every manifested duty, "the Lord will be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come." It is of vital importance that we ever keep in view the Gospel standard of true discipleship. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Lack of interest in the welfare of others is an indication of a lack of love. A neglect to cherish love to others is a neglect of our Heavenly Father's will, who would have us cleansed perfectly, that we may honor Him by harmonious labor together in the love of Christ.

What are the principles we are endeavoring to instil into the hearts of our children? Are we teaching them entire dependence upon God, the truths of the immediate guidance of the Holy Spirit, and that God will care for them all the days of their lives? Are we careful to show them the necessity of giving themselves to Christ? Children can have a confiding trust in the Saviour, and, while we cannot give them redemption, we can bring them to One who can.

Proper training should be prayerfully bestowed that the new birth may be experienced in early life, that so our children may be fortified against temptation. Mothers have been tenderly admonished to instruct their little ones as to the nature and object of family worship; that it is a time of communion with God, and feeding upon His word, clear of all formality and undue fear, it is a simple, loving recognition of His care and help. We must leave the impression both by precept and manner of life, that our Heavenly Father will hear the voice of little children as they pray to Him, in Jesus' name at the family altar.

The value and need of private retirement and prayer has been impressed upon our hearts, and no day should pass without it. There is strength in it for both soul and body, but while this is right and proper, it cannot excuse us at times from engaging in vocal prayer in the family. Our sense of need is our warrant for prayer: let us take advantage of the privilege, and from hearts filled with the love of Christ, realize that it is a delight to plead our cause at His blessed feet, and as we open our mouths, the Lord will fill them.

As these Answers have passed in review before us, we have remembered that their purpose is to direct us to the living "Spirit that gives life," and to guard us from the danger of resting in the "letter that killeth"; that our lives may center in Christ first of all, who will develop in us powers that turn upon the two points on which hang all the Law and the Prophets: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart," and "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The Joint Committee upon whom has devolved the important interests of the Boarding School at Providence during the past year, has presented the 64th Annual Report, which has been read. We have renewedly felt the close relation which this Institution bears to the future condition of this Yearly Meeting, both in its intellectual and religious development, and our hearts have been lifted in aspiration for the continued blessing of our Heavenly Father upon the School. For the favor of health which in a good degree has been vouchsafed to the household during the year, for the harmonious labor of the teachers and officers, and above all for the religious interest still continued in the School, we are deeply grateful.

The Committee are continued, with the exception of David S. Wood who has removed beyond the limits of this Meeting, and the substitution of Ruth S. Murray in the place of our dear friend Abby S. Battey deceased.

The Boarding School Committee are directed to meet at the School on Third-day morning, the 26th of Sixth Month, at half-past 9 o'clock.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 10 o'clock, Second-day morning.

For business transacted in joint sessions, see pages 18–44.

FOURTH-DAY AFTERNOON. Met in separate session according to adjournment.

The Report of the Committee on Education has been read and is satisfactory to the Meeting. The same Committee are re-appointed for the ensuing year, with the addition of Ruthanna H. Nichols and Phebe Wing.

The Friends appointed to nominate a Committee to extend care and encouragement to the few scattered members of our Society, residing in the British Provinces (principally on the Island of Cape Breton), have proposed the following named Friends who are approved, and they are appointed accordingly, viz.:—Benjamin F. Knowles, Hannah J. Bailey, George Richardson, Thomas B. Nichols and Rachel B. Nichols.

The Representatives now in attendance of this Meeting have, in joint session, agreed to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year, which are approved, and we concur with the Men's Meeting in their appointment to the service.—(See p. 45.)

The statistics contained in the accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings have been compiled, and present information of births, deaths, removals, and the present membership of the Yearly Meeting. — (See p. 17.) As in some former years, a slight reduction appears in the whole number of members reported.

The Friends appointed in joint session to nominate a Committee on the subject of Peace, have now presented names which are approved and accepted in concurrence.—(See p. 45.) The Committee are requested to labor as they may find opportunity for the diffusion of sound Christian sentiment and principle upon this question.

The Committee appointed to prepare returning minutes for ministers, and others in attendance of this Meeting with certificates, have presented at this session a Minute on behalf of our beloved friend, Isaac Sharp, from England.—(See p. 46.) It was cordially approved, and the Clerk was directed to sign it in concurrence.

The Clerk is also directed to sign the following minute for our dear friend, Alexander M. Purdy. "Our beloved friend, Alexander M. Purdy, attended this Meeting; his company and religious service have been acceptable to us."

Similar minutes are also directed on behalf of our dear friends, Rufus P. King, S. Adelbert Wood, Micajah M. Binford, Amos M. Kenworthy, Phebe H. Kenworthy, Louisa M. Fulgum, Luke Woodard John T. Dorland, Jr. and Mary H. Rogers.

The Clerk is further authorized to sign the following minute for our friend, James T. Richardson. "Our beloved friend, James T. Richardson, attended this Meeting; his company is acceptable to us."

Essays of Epistles addressed to our dear sisters of London and Kansas Yearly Meetings have been produced and read at this time, and are approved.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FIFTH-DAY MORNING, THE 14TH.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The names of the Representatives having been called at the opening of this session, 49 were in attendance. Sufficient reasons were assigned for the absence of five, who had returned home since the commencement of the Meeting.

The Report of the Committee on Finance has been received from the Men's Meeting, and read. The several appropriations recommended by the Committee have been approved in concurrence.—(See p. 49.)

The Report of the Auditors, appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, and for other purposes, was now received and read. It is acceptable to the Meeting, and we concur in the appointment of George Howland, Jr., as Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness as Treasurer of the School Funds, for the ensuing year.—(See p. 47.)

The Clerk is authorized to procure the printing of the Minutes of this Meeting, (omitting the Reports of Joint Committees, and the Minutes of the proceedings in joint session,) and also the Epistles received from our sisters of other Yearly Meetings, for circulation among our members.

Essays of Epistles to our dear sisters of Baltimore, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Canada, Iowa, North Carolina and Ireland, also a joint Epistle to the Monthly Meeting of Friends on Mt. Lebanon, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is authorized to sign these, and also those read at a previous sitting, on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Committee on Correspondence informed the Meeting that they have prepared a letter addressed to the children of this Yearly

Meeting, which has now been read. Believing that its contents may be useful to this interesting class of our Society, the Clerk is authorized to sign it, and, (having the approval of the Men's Meeting,) to procure the printing of not less than three thousand copies in suitable form for distribution, and to call upon the Treasurer for the expense incurred.

And now, as our annual Meeting is drawing to a close, we would make mention of the loving kindness and faithfulness of our God. Gathered as we have been from different parts of the land, He has united our hearts in love, and enabled us to transact the business which has come before us in much harmony and Christian condescension. Commending ourselves and one another to the protecting care and keeping power of the Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, we conclude, proposing to meet in Newport, Rhode Island, on the second Sixth-day in Sixth Month, next year, if the Lord permit.

ANNA G. WOOD, *Clerk.*

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AT the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport, R. I., in Sixth Month, 1884, changes were made in the Discipline as follows, viz. :—

On page 101 (edition of 1878) under the head of "Preparative Meetings," the paragraph beginning with the words "Small Preparative Meetings," is stricken out; and under the head of "Meetings for Discipline," on page 74, after the words "mutual consent" the following is inserted, viz. :—

"Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings may be held as United Meetings of Men and Women Friends, whenever in the judgment of said Meetings it is desirable.

"United Quarterly and Monthly Meetings shall appoint one man and one woman as Clerks, and where the superior Meeting is held in separate sessions, separate Reports shall be made and signed by each Clerk for his or her respective Meeting.

"United Preparative Meetings may appoint but one Clerk, either man or woman.

"Whenever the Discipline requires concurrent action all such business may be transacted either in separate or joint sessions or in United Meetings."

THE last clause of the 10th Query, page 106, viz. : — "And is judgment placed, when it appears necessary, in the authority of Truth and according to discipline," is stricken out.

QUERIES OF MEETINGS ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

The four introductory Queries are to be read and weightily considered but not answered.

The other three are to be answered in writing to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and, in the Spring, to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

INTRODUCTORY QUERIES.

1. Are you engaged to watch unto prayer that you may yourselves be preserved in humble dependence upon Christ, and in an earnest, religious exercise for the conversion of sinners, and for the edifying of the body in the faith and love of the Gospel?

2. Are you concerned faithfully to occupy the spiritual gifts entrusted to you, to the honor of God?

3. Are your lives and conversation clean and blameless?

4. Are your Ministers in the exercise of their gifts careful to wait for Divine ability, and are they thereby preserved from being burdensome?

QUERIES TO BE ANSWERED.

1. Are you diligent in attending your Meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of your families?

2. Are you in unity one with another, and with the Meetings to which you belong, harmoniously laboring together in gathering unto Christ?

3. Are you engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit; and are you careful not to misquote or misapply them?

The following advice should be read after the reading and consideration of the Queries and Answers.

It is especially recommended that Ministers and Elders watch over one another for good, that they help those that are young in the Ministry, discouraging forward spirits that run into words without life and power, advising against affectation of tones and gestures, and everything that would hurt their service; yet encouraging the humble, careful traveller, speaking a word in season to them that are weary. And let all dwell in Him who gives ability to labor sucessfully in the Church of Christ, adorning the doctrine they deliver to others, being examples to the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith and in purity.

MEETINGS ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

The Meetings which have been known as Meetings of Ministers and Elders are henceforth to be constituted as hereafter mentioned under the designation of "Meetings on Ministry and Oversight." Recorded Ministers and appointed Elders are members of such Meetings.

There should also be appointed in each Monthly Meeting, other suitable Friends as members of these Meetings, who may be considered likely to prove helpful and to be themselves helped by association therewith. It being important that these Meetings should consist, as far as practicable, of individuals of varied ages, gifts, and qualifications, care should be taken in making appointments in connection therewith, not to limit the selection to Friends in later life; those being appointed who, whether older or younger, give evidence of love to Christ and of attachment to the principles we profess. The names of these are to be brought forward as in the case of the appointment of Elders, and the list shall be revised at least once in two years. They shall be in all respects members of the Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, but they are not to be considered as thereby having liberty to travel as Ministers. This appointment does not prevent them from being recognized as Ministers or Elders, if at any time their gifts may seem to warrant such proceeding.

DUTIES OF MEETINGS ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

It is recommended that the following paragraphs be read at least once a year in each Preparative and Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight:—

The subjects specified in the following paragraphs are especially commended to the care of Meetings on Ministry and Oversight; with any others which belong to the teaching and shepherding of the flock, viz:—

The religious condition of the particular congregations within their limits, and whether the Meetings for worship are held to edification and to the honor of God.

The counsel, encouragement and help of those engaged in the work of the Ministry.

The making of arrangements for attending, from time to time, the particular Meetings within their limits, especially those in which little or no ministry is exercised.

The visiting of the infirm, the sick and the afflicted. The spiritual care of the children and young people who attend our Meetings, and the promotion of their religious and scriptural instruction.

The propagation of the Gospel as way may open.

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MINUTES OF THE MEN'S MEETING.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport, R. I., commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 13th, 1884.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.:—

From Rhode Island—Thomas Harkness, Samuel R. Buffinton, Hiram Buffinton, James R. Collins, Joseph E. Macomber, Benjamin F. Knowles, Asa Sisson, Anthony M. Kimber, Stephen Chace, Henry C. Aydelott, Charles D. Kenyon, William H. Perry and Charles A. Chace.

From Salem—Daniel C. Maxfield, William O. Newhall, Thomas Wood, John H. Crosman, Charles H. Jones, James P. Boyce, Alfred Manning, John F. Chase, Herod Chase, Owen Dame, Olney T. Meader and William F. Vining.

From Sandwich—Edward G. Dillingham, William C. Taber, David Kelley, Meltiah Gifford, Moses Smith, Matthew Howland, Robert B. Taber, Stephen R. Wing, George Howland, Jr., Joseph Grinnell, John B. Baylies, John F. Tucker, William Thompson, N. Hervey Wilbur and Gideon Gifford.

From Falmouth—Reuben T. Jones, Augustus F. Cox, George Douglas, Timothy Hanson, Charles W. Goddard, John J. Frye, Nathan Douglas, Henry F. Newell and Charles A. Nichols.

From Smithfield—Richard Battey, Jesse B. Wheeler, Thomas Grover, John Metcalfe and Smith B. Steere.

From Vassalboro—Alfred H. Jones, Eli Jones, William H. Cates, William A. Jones, Joseph H. Pratt, John Frye, Clarkson Jones and George W. Varney.

FROM DOVER—Tobias Meader, Timothy B. Hussey, William P. Tuttle, Oliver Meader, Samuel Buffum, William P. Jenkins, Eli Page, Russell Hoag and Daniel F. Jenness.

FROM FAIRFIELD—Charles M. Jones, George Richardson, Paul Wing, Joseph E. Briggs and Isaac Winslow,—

whose names being called, they were all present except eleven, for the absence of six of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends James M. Haviland, David J. Douglas and Sarah W. Congdon from New York Yearly Meeting, Deborah C. Thomas and Mary W. Thomas from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Francis Lupton, Noah C. McLean and Mary S. Elliott from Ohio Yearly Meeting, John P. Pennington, John Henry Douglas and Micajah M. Binford from Indiana Yearly Meeting, Daniel B. Johnson from Iowa Yearly Meeting, Luke Woodard from Canada Yearly Meeting and Zaccheus H. Powell and Mary H. Rogers from Kansas Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

4. We have also the acceptable company of Mary E. Haviland, companion to her husband James M. Haviland, Martha J. Sands, companion to Mary S. Elliott, Miriam C. Douglas, an elder and companion to her husband John Henry Douglas, Phebe E. Johnson, companion to her father Daniel B. Johnson, Elvira T. Woodard, companion to her husband Luke Woodard, Mary F. Powell, companion to her husband Zaccheus H. Powell, and Aquilla H. Pickering and his wife Hannah N. T. Pickering, members of Chicago Monthly Meeting — all of whom have presented credentials of unity from their friends at home.

5. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Yearly Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning Minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following named Friends, viz. :—William A. Jones, Reuben T. Jones, Charles M. Jones, John Metcalfe, Charles A. Chace and Meltiah Gifford.

6. Truly acceptable Epistles have been received at this time from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. Those from London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Ohio have been read. The reading of those from Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas is deferred to our next ses-

sion. We appoint a Committee to nominate a Committee on Correspondence, and report at our next sitting.

7. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz.:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Adelia C. Mann, and with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William Sherman and Mary Dame to the station of Elder; and that it has added two Friends as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that a portion of Salem Monthly Meeting has been set off and given the name of "Boston Monthly Meeting of Friends," it is held at Wesleyan Hall, Bromfield Street, Boston, on Fourth-day before the second Fifth-day in each month, at 3.30 P.M. The Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight is held on the day of the Monthly Meeting next preceding each Quarterly Meeting, at 10.30 A.M. Correspondent of Boston Monthly Meeting, Olney T. Meader, Address Boston, Mass. The time of holding Salem Monthly Meeting has been changed from 10 A.M. to 2.30 P.M. in the First, Second and Twelfth Months, and to 3 P.M. the remaining months of the year. The name of Seabrook Monthly Meeting has been changed to Amesbury Monthly Meeting. It has united with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sara F. Hoag to the station of Elder. Hannah F. Sawyer, an Elder and member of Seabrook (now Amesbury) Monthly Meeting, died Fifth Month 26th, 1883, aged 83 years, 8 months and 22 days. Mary B. Paige, an Elder and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 6th, 1884, aged 73 years, 3 months and 8 days. Martha N. Hunt, a Minister received by certificate from Sand Creek Monthly meeting, Indiana, into Salem Monthly Meeting, has been released from membership in our Society upon her own request. Five Friends have been added as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Ewer, Rebecca D. Ewer and Huldah Gifford to the station of Elder, and that it has added one Friend as a member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Deborah H. Wing, an Elder and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 27th, 1883, aged 82 years, 10 months and 18 days. Newell Hoxie, a Minister and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died First Month 19th, 1884, aged 80 years, 2 months and 1 day.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that Mary F. Tuttle, a Minister and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, has been released from membership in our Society upon her own request.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Dorcas Daniels, Samuel A. Arnold and Henry D. Swift to the station of Elder. Abel C. Monroe, a Minister and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died Eighth Month 10th, 1883, aged 64 years, 3 months and 1 day. John B. Daniels, a Minister and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 13th, 1884, aged 32 years, 9 months and 11 days. Roanna W. Grover, an Elder and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 26th, 1883, aged 70 years, 5 months and 2 days. A Meeting for Worship has been established at Worcester, to be held on First-day evening at 7.30 o'clock from Fifth to Tenth Month, inclusive, and at 7 o'clock the remainder of the year.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Frank E. Jones; Mary Ann Jones, a Minister and member of China Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 29th, 1883, aged 55 years, 1 month and 16 days; and that six Friends have been added as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Enoch Hoag and Hepsyba H. Hoag, and that four Friends have been added, as members, of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Levi Jones has been appointed Correspondent of Winthrop Monthly Meeting in the place of Reuben T. Jones, removed beyond its limits. Address Winthrop, Maine.

8. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid, or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportion of stock called for last year.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.—The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

9. Samuel R. Buffinton, on behalf of the representatives informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William O. Newhall for Clerk, and Timothy B. Hussey and Daniel C. Maxfield for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being severally approved, they are accordingly appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

10. The reading of the remaining Epistles was now resumed and concluded.

11. The Committee appointed at our morning session to nominate a Committee on Correspondence have reported the following, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, viz.:—Charles H. Jones, George Howland, Jr., Thomas Wood, Olney T. Meader, John Metcalfe, Timothy B. Hussey, Frank E. Jones, William P. Jenkins, Charles M. Jones, Gideon Wood, Charles W. Goddard, Benjamin F. Knowles, Matthew Howland, Eli Jones, Obadiah Chace and Alfred H. Jones.

12. We appoint Isaac Winslow, Oliver Meader, William H. Cates, Reuben T. Jones, Joseph Ewer, John H. Crosman and Thomas Harkness, a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it at our next sitting.

13. We appoint Henry E. Davis, Owen Dame, John B. Baylies, Henry F. Newell, Paul Randall, William A. Jones, Jacob K. Purinton and Paul Wing, a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised, sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also one for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

14. Rhode Island, Salem, and Dover Quarterly Meetings request that the Yearly Meeting more fully interpret and revise that portion of our Discipline in relation to holding Joint Sessions and United Meetings, whereupon we appoint Augustine Jones, Henry C. Aydelott, William O. Newhall, Daniel C. Maxfield, William Thompson, Joseph Ewer, Reuben T. Jones, John T. Fellows, Richard Battey, John Metcalfe, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Tobias Meader, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles M. Jones, and Isaac Winslow, a Committee, to unite with a similar Committee of

Women Friends, to take the subject into consideration and report to a future sitting. The following request from Salem Quarterly Meeting is referred to the same Committee, viz. :—" We are united in requesting the Yearly Meeting to give a distinct interpretation to the last clause of the Tenth Query."

15. The following request is received from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, and a similar one from Fairfield, viz. :—" This and the Women's Meeting are united in requesting that the Yearly Meeting be held in Portland, Maine, next year," which is referred to the united representatives now in attendance of this Yearly Meeting and they are desired to report at a future sitting.

16. The following proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting is received, viz. :—" We are united in requesting the Yearly Meeting to grant liberty to all its Quarterly Meetings to hold their sessions at such places within their limits as they deem best, without first applying to the Yearly Meeting for its consent," which claiming our attention is referred to the following named Friends, who are desired to consider the subject and report to a future sitting, Women Friends uniting, viz. :—Samuel R. Buffinton, Robert P. Gifford, Owen Dame, Charles H. Jones, Meltiah Gifford, George Howland, Jr., John J. Frye, Charles A. Nichols, Jesse B. Wheeler, Richard Battey, William H. Cates, Hezekiah Pope, Jacob K. Purinton, Daniel Meader, Joseph E. Briggs and Isaac Winslow.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Seventh-day Morning, the 14th.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

17. The following proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting is received, viz. :—" We are united in requesting that our Quarterly Meeting in future be held at Winthrop in the Second Month, instead of Manchester as at present," which we are united in granting, and the change is accordingly made and the Clerks are requested to give that Quarterly Meeting this information.

18. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence have presented their Annual Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In again presenting their Annual Report, the sixty-fifth, the Committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence is pleased that it can re-affirm the statement of several preceding years, that the School is steadily moving on, in its appropriate sphere of educating and elevating to a higher standard of intellectual culture than perhaps ever before, those young persons whose privilege it is to be the recipients of the advantages to be derived from their connection therewith.

The School continues under the immediate care of Augustine Jones, A.M. as Principal, with an able corps of Assistants on either side of the house, between whom there appears to be perfect harmony of action, and a united effort in the direction of the best interests of the School.

The religious meetings which continue to be held in the house, have during the year been attended by the pupils with more than usual interest, a fact which is cause for gratitude and thanksgiving to our Father in Heaven.

The average number of pupils for the year has been ninety-four boys and eighty-two girls.

The health of the family has been excellent, almost without exception, through the year—probably no greater exemption from sickness has been experienced for many years.

The gift from our friend James H. Chace, reported last year, has been appropriated, with his knowledge and approval, in procuring a beautiful white marble bust of John Bright, a distinguished statesman and member of our Society on the other side of the Atlantic, and a fast and valued friend of our common country, one who, by the noble position he took in the Parliament of his own country, during our comparatively recent fratricidal struggle, has endeared himself to our people by bonds that will long be cherished by us as a nation.

A corner of Alumni Hall, at the west end of the platform, has been appropriately fitted up for its reception, and the bust placed on a beautiful and highly polished pedestal of Rhode Island granite, forming a very attractive and ornamental addition to the Hall.

The unveiling of the bust, on the 28th of Third Month last, was made the occasion of a public meeting in the Hall, at which several prominent citizens of Rhode Island, including the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State, an ex-Judge of the Supreme Court, the President and one of the Professors of Brown University, many friends of the School, and the members of the household were present, and was a season of intellectual enjoyment and gratification to all who participated in the exercises incident to it.

Our friend who so kindly furnished the means for the purchase of this beautiful work of art, has made a still further demand upon our gratitude, by assuming the expense incurred in its erection upon the well-chosen site, where we hope it may long remain, not only as a memento of his liberality, but also as an incitement to those who look upon it to emulate the virtues of him whose features it so truthfully represents.

A contribution during last autumn of six hundred and fifty dollars, from a source unknown to the Committee, for the purpose of introducing electric light into the Girls' School-room, and to some small extent to other parts of the house, has greatly improved that room in regard to temperature and the purity of the air, as by this method of lighting the oxygen of the atmosphere is not consumed, nor is the heat at all increased thereby; while the light is perfectly steady and entirely satisfactory.*

The improvement in both these directions is highly appreciated by those who pass much of their time in the room. May the benevolent donor of this money feel in his own breast the consciousness of having performed a praise-worthy act, and may he further receive, in return, the rich reward of finding, after many days, the bread which he has so generously cast upon the waters.

At the opening of the school in Ninth Month last a department was inaugurated for instruction in the practical use of tools in the working of wood (including ornamental carving) and of metals, which we think has been highly appreciated, not only by the students, but by the parents also, and promises to be a permanent and useful addition to the appliances of the school.

This department has received a gratuity of one hundred dollars, from a member of the Committee, for supplying tools and other needed apparatus for its use.

We also learn that by the liberality of another valued member of the Committee, a full-length portrait of John G. Whittier is in course of preparation, and will soon occupy a conspicuous place in Alumni Hall.

The improvement in the laundry, the means for defraying the expense of which was largely furnished by a friend of the Institution, as reported last year, has been completed and enables those who labor there to perform with comparative ease a great amount of work, which if done at all previously, could only have been imperfectly done with a large expenditure of human strength and consequent exhaustion.

The boilers and other apparatus for heating the house, having, after many years of service, become somewhat dilapidated, indicating unmistakably in many ways that a renewal of the entire system will, erelong, be required; a movement in the direction of such renewal has been begun, and the subject brought to the notice of friends of the school, one of whom has already contributed the very liberal sum of $5,000 towards that object, and it is confidently expected that others will soon follow in the same direction.

It is estimated that the sum of $15,000 will be required for the proposed renewal.

These contributions, which not only supply our needs, but also enable us to improve and make more attractive the halls and school-rooms of the Institution, are very gratefully accepted and highly appreciated by us, and we hope will be equally valued by the Yearly Meeting.

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* It is estimated that the quantity of oxygen consumed by gas burners in the room is equal to the amount required for the supply for breathing of one hundred persons,

During the present season, communications have been received from several citizens of Providence, asking us to erect some houses on portions of our unoccupied lands, for lease to the parties applying for them. After giving the matter due consideration, we decided to make the experiment, and have commenced the erection of three houses, for which desirable tenants at satisfactory rates have been secured; the houses will be ready for occupancy in the early Autumn.

This arrangement will give us an income from some of the land before unproductive, as well as an equally good if not better income from the funds so invested.

Since our last report, we have effected the sale of one small lot on Lloyd Avenue.

In the decease of one of our most valued members, our late dear friend, Henry T. Wood, whose death occurred on the 23d of Eleventh Month last, after a short confinement (his health having been failing for a much longer period), we feel that we have indeed sustained a great loss. He had been a member of the Committee for something over six years, and, when his health permitted, was prompt in attendance at our meetings, active in the discharge of all the duties incumbent upon him, and thoroughly interested in everything which tended to promote the usefulness and efficiency of the school. As one of the auditors of the school accounts for a series of years, his services were highly appreciated; he is gone, and the place on this Board which has known him so long and so agreeably, will know him no more forever, yet his memory and the recollections of the very acceptable services rendered by him while with us will be long and gratefully cherished by his associates of the Committee.

OFFICERS OF GOVERNMENT AND INSTRUCTION.

Augustine Jones, A.M., Principal and Political Science.
Walter S. Meader, A.M., Governor and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess and English Studies.
Bessie T. Wing, French, History and Literature.
Thomas J. Battey, A.B., Natural Science.
J. Myron Potter, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Benjamin W. Wells, Ph.D., Modern Languages.
Albert A. Stanley, Instrumental Music.
Wilmot R. Jones, A.B., Mental and Moral Science and English.
Jean E. Guilbert, French.
Charles G. Farwell, A.M., Greek and Latin.
Caroline C. Ladd, English Studies.
Mary E. Wing, English Studies.
Mary P. Helme, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.

Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.
Lucy R. Weaver, M.D., Physiology.
Lizzie C. Perry, Secretary and Book-keeper (Autumn Term).
George A. Barton, Secretary and Book-keeper.
Ellen A. Winslow, Librarian.

Financial statement of the accounts of the School for the year ending Seventh Month, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

From Board and Tuition,	$41,173 21	
From Art Studies, Languages, etc.,	2,318 98	
From the Treasurer of the School Fund,	5,860 83	
Supplies on hand in excess of amount last year,	127 99	
Loss on the year's work,	1,093 18	
		$50,574 19

PAYMENTS.

For Provisions,	$15,151 43	
Salaries,	14,352 79	
Wages,	9,111 57	
Repairs, Renewals and Improvements,	4,271 79	
Fuel,	1,685 15	
Light,	1,019 90	
Water,	526 48	
Library and Periodicals,	370 16	
Incidentals,	1,103 72	
City of Providence, Tax for 1882,	2,981 20	
		$50,574 19

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School for the year commencing in the Ninth Month next, be

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	$150 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting,	$250 00
For all others who may be admitted,	$300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge to be made, for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German, ten dollars. For one year's instruction in Pencil Drawing, fifteen dollars. For one year's instruction in Mechanical and Crayon Drawing, and Painting, thirty dollars.

With devout thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His watchfulness over us the past year, again we commend the Institution to His superintending care and to the kind consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, JR., *Clerk.*

BOARDING SCHOOL, PROVIDENCE, Sixth Month 3d, 1884.

NOTE.—The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 3d, 1884, and closes Second Month 4th, 1885. The Spring Term begins Second Month 5th, 1885, and closes Sixth Month 23d, 1885.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 5th of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which, applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, AUGUSTINE JONES, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and is adopted; in listening to it, the Meeting has gratefully felt the liberality with which the friends of education have contributed to the Institution. Remembering the advice of our worthy Elder, George Fox, "to teach all things civil and useful in creation," we rejoice that by these contributions a more liberal culture has been rendered possible. On the other hand it is also cause of rejoicing that the important and necessary instruction has not been neglected. We refer the continued care of the Institution to the Committee now under appointment, with the exception of our late dear friend, Henry T. Wood, deceased, and we bespeak for them the continued prayerful interest and sympathy of this Yearly Meeting. The Committee are directed to meet at the Boarding School, at Providence, on Third-day, the 24th inst., at 9.30 A.M.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Charles F. Coffin,
George Howland, Jr.
Levi Jones,
William C. Taber,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Samuel R. Buffinton,

Ellen K. Buffum,
Sylvia G. Howland,
Ann B. Earle,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Rachel S. Howland,
Hannah B. Sawyer,

Richard Battey,
William C. Monroe,
James H. Chace,
James O. Inman,
John F. Tucker,
Peter M. Neal,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
William T. Collins,
Charles B. Cates,
Augustus F. Cox,
Robert P. Gifford.

Rebecca Steere,
Mary E. Jenkins,
Anna G. Wood,
Deborah W. Crosman,
Elizabeth H. Austin,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Esther Jones,
Caroline C. Earle,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Lydia C. Neal,
Ruth S. Murray.

19. The Committee on Education have presented their Report, as follows, viz.:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England:

The Committee on Education report that they have attended to the subject.

That an Educational Conference was held under their care at Winthrop, Me., in the Second Month last, which is believed to have been an instructive occasion.

Education at large, and particularly the duty of the Society of Friends in relation to it, was discussed in an earnest, far-reaching and sympathetic spirit.

The re-endowment and re-building of Oak Grove Seminary at Vassalboro, Me., were thoughtfully considered.

The history of the great and good work of the School was fully and feelingly presented.

The conviction possessed all minds that every reasonable effort should be used to restore and continue the beneficent Institution; but it was felt that it ought to be on a larger and broader basis than before, and that the funds should be sufficient to give it character and respect at once.

That if such funds were raised, the Yearly Meeting might be requested to take and hold the same, and manage and direct said scheme in the same manner as it assumes the care of its other Institutions.

It was thought that this would give confidence in the school at once and to the donors as well.

The Committee firmly believe that concentration of schools and of educational resources is the true rule. That fewer schools and better quality is the true method. But if there is any fund which can be used in a local school, and will not seek the large central schools, then let it be welcomed with gratitude. The cause is one. "He that is not against us is for us." There is no conflict between Institutions.

It is hoped that local zeal and local capital will do this good work.

It is cause for thanksgiving, that the subject of education claims year by year the more thoughtful care of our Society every where. We seem to understand and appreciate more fully its important relations to Christianity and the world.

On behalf of the Committee.

ELI JONES,
AUGUSTINE JONES,
MYRA E. FRYE,
R. H. NICHOLS,
CHAS. H. JONES.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting and the same Committee continued for service another year.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Augustine Jones,	Eli Jones;
Caroline Jones, of Deering, Me.	Myra E. Frye,
Anna F. Hall,	John Ellwood Paige,
Charles H. Jones,	Phebe Wing,

Ruthanna H. Nichols.

To the Trustees of Oak Grove Seminary:

At a Special Meeting of Oak Grove Association held Fifth Month 10th, 1884, it was decided that our Trustees be authorized to offer for the acceptance of New England Yearly Meeting the care and direction of Oak Grove Seminary. If the Yearly Meeting accepts the same, the Trustees are further authorized to transfer to it all the property now belonging to the Association.

From the Records of the Association.

THOS. B. NICHOLS, *Clerk.*

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

At a Meeting of the Trustees of Oak Grove Seminary held Fifth Month 10th, 1884, it was decided to offer for the acceptance of New England Yearly Meeting the care and direction of Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro, Maine. If accepted, the Trustees having been duly authorized, will transfer to the Yearly Meeting, all the property belonging to the Association. Eli Jones and Augustine Jones were appointed to present the subject to the Yearly Meeting to be held in the Sixth Month, 1884.

R. H. NICHOLS, *Secretary.*

CHAS. M. BAILEY, *President.*

We conclude to refer the suggestion in the Report in reference to Oak Grove Seminary, also the accompanying offers of the Oak

Grove Association, and of its Trustees, to the following named Friends and they are requested to report their judgment thereon at a future sitting, viz.:

James H. Chace,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Rebecca Anthony,
Ezra Hawkes,
Owen Dame,
Deborah W. Crosman,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,
David K. Aikin,
William Thompson,
Charity G. Chace,
Susan T. Thompson,
Reuben T. Jones,
John J. Frye,
Myra E. Frye,
Esther Jones,
Alfred Briggs,
Richard Battey,
Ann K. Colton,
Saloma C. Wheeler,
Eli Jones,
William H. Cates,
Mary R. Jones,
Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Samuel Buffum,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Anna M. Hussey,
Mary H. Morrill,
Charles M. Jones,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Sarah M. Richardson.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

AFTERNOON.—The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

20. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries. The Answers are as follows, viz.:—

ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES.—SUMMARY.

ANSWER 1. All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except a few that have been omitted in consequence of inclement weather, bad roads, and for other reasons not assigned. The First-day Meetings have been attended by a larger part of our members, while those in the middle of the week have been much neglected. The hour is nearly observed; clear of unbecoming behavior with little exception.

ANS. 2.—With a few exceptions, love and unity are maintained amongst us. Detraction not wholly guarded against. Endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared.

ANS. 3.—Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation. More care is needed both by example and precept, to train our children in accordance with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4.—We believe most Friends frequently read the Scriptures individually, and collectively in their families, and encourage their children and others, in the daily practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry appears to be maintained with little exception.

ANS. 5.—Twenty-four cases of indulgence in intoxicants are reported. Not quite clear as to amusements and diversions. Moderation generally observed.

ANS. 6.—Clear as regards the several parts of this query.

ANS. 7.—Not entirely clear as to military matters, oaths, or in regard to defrauding the public revenue.

ANS. 8.—Clear as to the several parts of this query, with but few exceptions.

ANS. 9.—Not quite clear as to records. A few removals without certificates.

ANS. 10.—Care has been taken to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness. Some neglect in timely dealing. When judgment has been placed, we believe it has been in accordance with the discipline.

MINUTE ON STATE OF SOCIETY.

This investigation called forth much tender criticism, profitable suggestion, and wholesome admonition. And it has been a source of encouragement to us, to witness the fervor and warm interest of our young Friends in all their expressions upon the several topics brought under discussion. While the increased number reported as using intoxicants may indicate closer inspection, and the recognition of cider as belonging to the list of alcoholics, yet we cannot accept these as extenuating circumstances, and must press upon Friends the necessity of a testimony that is backed up by the fact that our hands are absolutely clean.

As we view the great dearth of the ministry in some of our smaller meetings, we feel that the term "Free Gospel Ministry," would be relieved of its ambiguity by an interpretation based on the need of a liberality that will set free the Gospel wherever it is bound for want of means. Our veneration for the principle of peace, still warrants us in urging upon Friends the need of correcting the lax views among our members, the clergy, and others outside of our own membership, in connection with the spirit of war, and the common displays that cherish it in the minds of the young. And in like manner our Scriptural grounds for refusing an oath, and claiming our right to an affirmation, need to be revived in our memories, that no compromise of principle may be made by the young for want of proper instruction. Above all, do we feel to exhort the brethren, in the name of Christ, to put on Christ; that we may have such a baptism of the Holy Spirit, that we cannot rest satisfied with the mere adjustment of incidentals and details in the outward affairs of the Church; but that we may have power, and that the secret of it shall be the actual possession of a life hid with Christ in God.

Adjourned to meet on Second-day Morning, the 16th, at 10 o'clock.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, THE 16TH. The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

21. The Statistical Account, received from our Quarterly Meetings, was now read and is as follows, viz. :—

STATISTICAL ACCOUNT.

	Number reported last year.	Error in last year's report, gain.	Error in last year's report, loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number.
Rhode Island .	702	5	0	8	8	10	5	11	2	19	0	721
Salem	668	0	1	1	16	18	5	14	7	4	0	672
Sandwich . . .	722	0	0	1	23	3	19	5	2	0	35	687
Falmouth . . .	606	0	0	8	12	17	16	24	1	20	0	626
Smithfield . . .	406	0	1	1	10	0	0	0	7	0	15	391
Vassalboro . .	480	0	0	2	10	4	7	0	2	0	13	467
Dover	306	0	0	1	6	1	7	1	0	0	10	296
Fairfield	469	0	3	2	5	2	4	6	1	0	3	466
Total . . .	4359	5	5	24	90	55	63	61	22	43	76	4326
Total Loss .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	33	. .

22. The Committee to disburse the income arising from the Mosher Fund presented their Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and a Committee was appointed to produce at a future sitting a Committee to whom this subject may be entrusted another year. The Report is as follows, viz.—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF MOSHER FUND.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee to disburse the income of the Mosher Fund would report the purchase of three hundred copies of the "Offices of the Holy Spirit" by Dougan Clarke. These have just been procured from Henry Longstreth, and are not all distributed.

In connection with the Mosher Committee of New York Yearly Meeting, we have also contributed $150 in aid of the Friends' Mexican Mission, to be expended in printing in the Spanish language, some books and tracts, inculcating the principles of Friends.

The receipts and expenditures have been as follows :—

Remaining on hand from last year	$17 39	
Received from Chas. F. Coffin, for Trustees	480 00	
		$497 39

EXPENDITURES.

Sent to Samuel A. Purdie, Mexico	$150 00	
Paid for 300 copies "Offices of Holy Spirit"	120 00	
Expenses of transportation	2 45	
Remaining in hands of Treasurer	224 94	
		$497 39

On behalf of the Committee.

ALFRED H. JONES,
R. S. MURRAY.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 13th, 1884.

23. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOSHER FUND.

INCOME FOR PAST YEAR.

Interest from Boston Bond	$500 00	
" New Bedford Institution for Savings	31 88	
" Lynn Institution for Savings	67 77	
		$599 65

EXPENDITURES.

Paid J. E. Paige, Treasurer	$480 00	
" to Capital one-fifth income	119 65	
		$599 65

INVESTMENT OF THE FUND.

Boston Registered 5% Bond	$10,000 00
New Bedford Institution for Savings	733 04
Lynn Institution for Savings	1,772 23
	$12,505 27

For the Trustees.

C. F. COFFIN.

LYNN, Sixth Month 1st, 1884.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Met pursuant to adjournment.

24. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, viz.:

SUMMARY OF ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES FROM THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

Answer 1.—With little exception, our members are diligent in attending meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of their families.

Ans. 2.—We are in unity one with another and with the meetings to which we belong, harmoniously laboring together in gathering unto Christ, with little exception reported in four Quarterly Meetings.

Ans. 3.—We believe our members are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

MINUTE OF THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

The reading of the Queries and Answers has called forth much pertinent counsel and instruction from our brethren in the ministry, calculated to make all feel the deep obligations they are under to our beneficent Father in Heaven, to praise and adore His name for His matchless loving-kindness to the children of men, and to be clothed with the armor of light for aggressive work against the powers of darkness.

We are reminded that we should be vigilant and active, working while it is called to-day, for the night of death will soon come wherein no man can work.

Care should be exercised that none of God's ministers be burdensome by wandering or too lengthy preaching. That which is the most effectual is that which is short and direct, and accompanied by the power of the Divine Spirit.

Allusion was made to some of the changes which have come over our Society, and the older members were tenderly entreated to be kind and loving toward the young who may be called to speak, or read a portion of Scripture in any of our meetings, that no scar may be left on the minds of these. "Be careful," as George Fox says, "how you put your feet among the tender plants." None should be governed by precedent in rendering service unto the Lord, but rather seek to be clothed with the spirit, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" and, while maintaining a blessed oneness in Christ, acknowledge the individuality of each in the exercise of the spiritual gifts conferred. Some may have one gift, and some more than one, but all are to be exercised to the glory of God, and in gathering souls unto Christ.

Fears were entertained that, as ministers and elders, we were remiss in harmoniously laboring together, and that with greater faithfulness in this respect more abundant would be the fruitage of the Church.

ALFRED H. JONES, *Clerk.*

25. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting.

26. The Committee on the subject of Peace have presented their Annual Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the subject of Peace report, that while they have not been unmindful of their appointment they have not given to it the attention that its importance demands.

No way has seemed to open for united action, but individual work has been performed by several members of the Committee, by the distribution of tracts and papers and other matter bearing upon the subject. A few Peace meetings have been held during the year by Quarterly and Monthly Meeting Committees appointed for that service. Some of these have been attended and addressed by some members of this Committee. In several places where series of Meetings have been held, this important part of the gospel has been largely dwelt upon, we believe in the authority of God. In view of the war sentiment which yet prevails to so great an extent, both in this and other lands, a sentiment for which the Church is in a great measure responsible, we feel that the time has not come for us as a Society to lower our standard, or to diminish in any degree our efforts in behalf of Peace. And we would recommend that Quarterly and Monthly Meetings be encouraged to keep Committees on Peace under appointment to labor by themselves, or in connection with the Yearly Meeting's Committee as way opens therefor. What work has been performed during the past year has been done without drawing upon the funds in the hands of the Committee, so that the same sum reported last year, $38.88, is still held by us unexpended.

On behalf of the Committee,

CHAS. H. JONES,
MARY ALICE GIFFORD.

Newport, Sixth Month 14th, 1884.

The Report is satisfactory to this Meeting and we conclude to continue the subject under the care of the same Committee with the addition of John Metcalfe.

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

James P. Boyce,	Samuel R. Buffinton,
George A. Barton,	Mary A. Gifford,
Charles W. Goddard,	James R. Collins,
Miriam Cartland,	Charles H. Jones,
Eli Jones,	Huldah E. Jones,

John Metcalfe.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY MORNING, THE 17TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

27. The Committee to whom was referred the proposition from Rhode Island, Salem, and Dover Quarterly Meetings in reference to United Meetings, and from Salem Quarterly Meeting in reference to the 10th Query, report as follows, viz.:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNITED MEETINGS. ETC.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee to whom was referred the propositions from Rhode Island, Salem, and Dover, in regard to United Meetings, and the proposition from Salem with respect to the 10th Query, would propose the following changes, viz.:—

That on page 101 in the Discipline (edition of 1878) under the head of "Preparative Meetings," the paragraph beginning with the words "Small Preparative Meetings," be stricken out; and under the head of "Meetings for Discipline," on page 74, after the words "mutual consent" the following be inserted, viz.:—

"Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings may be held as United Meetings of Men and Women Friends, whenever in the judgment of said Meetings it is desirable.

"United Quarterly and Monthly Meetings shall appoint one man and one woman as Clerks, and where the superior Meeting is held in separate sessions, separate Reports shall be made and signed by each Clerk for his or her respective Meeting.

"United Preparative Meetings may appoint but one Clerk, either man or woman.

"Whenever the Discipline requires concurrent action all such business may be transacted either in separate or joint sessions or in United Meetings."

And with respect to the 10th Query we would propose that the last clause, "And is judgment placed, when it appears necessary, in the authority of Truth and according to Discipline," be stricken out.

On behalf of the Committee.

ALFRED H. JONES,
ALICE W. MAXFIELD.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 16th, 1884.

The Report is adopted and the Discipline is changed accordingly, and the Clerks are directed to inform our subordinate Meetings of the changes which have been made, by furnishing them with printed copies thereof, and of this Minute, and that a sufficient number of copies be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting that all the holders of our book of Discipline may obtain a copy free of cost.

28. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report, viz.:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee having charge of the Foreign Mission work of the Yearly Meeting in presenting this their annual Report, feel that we have much to be thankful to our Heavenly Father for, in the blessings which have continued to rest upon the work which is still progressing upon Mt. Lebanon. The work had reached such large proportions it was deemed best by the Committees of English and American Friends at the beginning of the past year that a departmental system be adopted for carrying forward the work.

While our dear friend Theo. Waldmeier still holds his position as head of the Mission, which he has so efficiently carried forward from the beginning, the direct work is under the charge of five assistants:—Vice Lotfellah Riskallah has charge of the Boys' Training Home; Maria Feltham of the Girls' Training Home; Ibrahim Tasso of the Branch Schools; Dr. Beshara Mansseh of the Medical Department, and Ellen Clayton Superintendent of the Hospital.

This division of responsibility has added much to the efficiency of the Mission, and all have been successfully carried on.

Twenty-four boys have been in the Boys' Training Home, and the same class of fifteen girls have been in the Girls' Training Home which entered in Tenth Month of 1882.

There have been two new Schools opened the past year, making nine day schools with about three hundred scholars under the care of native teachers.

Another story has been added to the Hospital, which with some other improvements, adds largely to the efficient working of the Medical department.

A deep interest continues in the meetings for worship which are held regularly First-days and during the week. The past year a meeting for worship has been held one evening in the week. when the services were in English, this is attended by the English and native workers in the Mission, and several of the scholars from the two Training Homes who are able to understand the language. Some additions have been made to the Monthly Meeting, among them Mariam Abo Nasser, teacher in the Girls' Training Home, Halena Risk, wife of the teacher of the Boys' School at Brumana, and others, with some applications still before the Meeting.

We feel grateful to our Heavenly Father for opening the hearts of our friends to supply the funds for carrying on the work, not only of our own Yearly Meeting. who have so liberally subscribed, but would thank the Friends of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, the Women's Foreign Mission Association of Western Yearly Meeting, the Women's Foreign Mission Association of Philadelphia, Friends of Damascus, Ohio, and Minneapolis, Minn., for their kind and loving assistance.

We ask the Yearly Meeting to continue the care of the Mission at Brumana, and to appropriate $750 to carry on the work the ensuing year.

On behalf of the Committee.

CHARLES M. JONES, *Clerk.*

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS OF N. E. YEARLY MEETING IN ACCOUNT WITH GEO. HOWLAND, JR., TREASURER.

1883	DR.		
Fifth Month.	Balance from last year	$187 65	
	Amounts rec'd from Monthly Meetings	843 03	
	Amts. from eight friends of Missions	395 00	
	Special purposes	265 00	
	Sundry persons in small sums	86 21	
	Yearly Meeting	750 00	
	Dividend (Savings Bank)	7 89	
	Boston Sabbath School	28 50	
			$2,563 28

1883	CR.	
Sixth Month.	Amt. sent Theophilus Waldmeier to pay indebtedness	$229 83
Ninth Month.	Amount sent Theophilus Waldmeier, current expenses	957 00
Tenth Month.	Amt. paid E. Anthony & Sons, printing	40 00
Amount carried forward,		$1,226 83

	Amount brought forward,	$1,226 83	
Eleventh Month	Amt. sent Theophilus Waldmeier for Mansurich School, contributed by Women's F. M. Society, Phila. . .	150 00	
Twelfth Month.	Paid sundry small expenses	10 00	
1884			
Third Month.	Amount sent Theophilus Waldmeier, current expenses	994 38	
Sixth Month.	Amt. for sundry repairs on building, and wall, Brumana and Ramallah	87 50	
	Balance to new account	94 57	
			$2,563 28

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Treasurer of Committee.*

New Bedford, Sixth Month 10th, 1884.

TRAINING HOME ON MT. LEBANON IN ACCOUNT WITH GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., TREASURER.

1883	DR.		
Ninth Month.	Amount sent Theophilus Waldmeier, expenses for 7 girls, supported by Western Yearly Meeting	$243 00	
Tenth Month.	Amt. sent T. Waldmeier as above . .	242 75	
Twelfth Month.	Amt. sent T. Waldmeier as above, and including $65 from Damascus for expenses for one girl	281 30	
			$767 05
	CR.		
Seventh Month.	Amt. rec'd from Western Y. M. . . .	$362 00	
	Amt. rec'd from Damascus, Ohio . . .	65 00	
	Interest on permanent fund and amount received last year	340 05	
			$767 05

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Treasurer of Committee.*

New Bedford, Sixth Month 10th, 1884.

The Report was listened to with much interest, and we are thankful that our Heavenly Father has opened this field for service. The little seed sown years ago in faith and hope, has now grown to a mighty tree, under whose shadow many weary, benighted souls have come to rest.

We commend this work again to the care of the Committee, and trust that the prayers and also the material aid of our members will be abundantly given in its support. The request of the Committee for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

A loving Epistle from the Monthly Meeting of Brumana was also read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence of Women Friends. We again entrust the charge to the same Committee for another year with the exception of our late dear friend, Henry T. Wood, deceased. The sum of $229.31 was collected by voluntary contribution for the current expenses of the Mission, and a further sum of $227.50 for establishing a Girl's Training Home at Ramallah near Jerusalem was subscribed. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees, to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Eli Jones,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
William Thompson,
Susan T. Thompson,
Harriet N. Jones,
George Howland, Jr.,
Sylvia G. Howland,
Albert C. Buffum,
Anna G. Wood,
Obadiah Chace,
Eli Jepson,
Charles M. Jones,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Augustus F. Cox,
Eliza P. Varney,
Harriet D. Collins,
J. Warren Starkey,
Mary W. Jones,
Celinda Metcalf,
William H. Beale,
Abbie M. Harris,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Elizabeth K. Hoxie,
Moses Sawyer,
Hannah B. Sawyer,
Rachel S. Howland,
Huldah H. Laighton.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

29. The Committee under appointment in reference to the few members of our Society residing in the British Provinces, made the following Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS IN BRITISH PROVINCES.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Your Committee, in whose care are the Friends from the British Provinces, have attended to the object of their appointment.

We have extended pecuniary aid, which was much needed to avoid embarrassment or physical want.

We humbly hope that kind visits made, and the affectionate correspondence with some of the Committee, have helped to strengthen the mind, and induce a cheerful Christian resignation, becoming to all.

The Committee received balance from last year	$64 02
And have expended	49 85
Leaving a balance on hand	$14 17

We would recommend an appropriation of $35.

For the Committee,

B. F. KNOWLES.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 16th, 1884.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting and the same Committee is continued for service another year. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS IN BRITISH PROVINCES.

Benjamin F. Knowles, George Richardson,
Hannah J. Bailey, Thomas B. Nichols,
Rachel B. Nichols.

30. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, etc., have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz.:

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, etc., have given attention to their appointment, and report as follows, viz.:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report	$1,238 71
Books of Discipline sold	11 00
Dividends Eagle Bank Stock	80 00
Dividends New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank	27 00
Merchants National Bank, New Bedford, Loan	1,000 00
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, last year's quota	22 00
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, " "	44 00
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, " "	920 00
Salem Quarterly Meeting, " "	680 00
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, " "	1,400 00
Amount carried forward,	$5,422 71

Amount brought forward,	$5,422 71	
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, last year's quota	160 00	
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, " "	200 00	
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, " "	200 00	
Dover Quarterly Meeting, " "	160 00	
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting " "	280 00	
		$6,422 71

PAYMENTS.

Expenses at Portland, Sixth Month, 1883	$479 80	
Printing	313 75	
John C. Gove	198 00	
Recording	65 00	
Express, postage, etc.	16 15	
Merchants National Bank, New Bedford, Loan	1,000 00	
Merchants National Bank, New Bedford, Interest	8 75	
Associated Ex. Committee on Indians	595 00	
Bible School Committee	21 08	
Committee on Foreign Missions	750 00	
Freedmen	1,000 00	
North Carolina Mission	300 00	
Temperance	150 00	
George H. Phillips	34 75	
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	1,490 43	
		$6,422 71

INCOME OF BOSTON MEETING HOUSE FUND.

Balance from last report	$797 14	
Received income from bonds	450 00	
Received income from Savings Bank	36 99	
		$1,284 13
Paid for rent of Wesleyan Hall, Boston	$350 00	
Paid for rent of Highland Hall, Boston	50 00	
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	884 13	
		$1,284 13

We recommend that four thousand dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate George Howland, Jr., for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

For the Committee,

OWEN DAME.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 17th, 1884.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland, Jr., is appointed Treasurer; and Thomas Harkness is appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed; and this Meeting also directs that it be paid into the Treasury on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

31. The Committee to promote the cause of Temperance in our own Society and in the community at large, presented their Report, viz.:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The work of the Temperance Committee has been carried on in much the same manner as in previous years, the different members laboring along the several lines as they have felt the Lord directed. As we have tried to walk with Him in these paths, and have looked to Him for wisdom to know, and strength to do, His will, we gratefully acknowledge that in no case has He failed to fulfil the promise: "Lo, I am with you alway." We praise Him that He has in so many ways advanced the cause, and that we have evidence that its importance is steadily gaining ground in the minds of the public, and that constantly there are added to our ranks those whose deep piety and well developed minds eminently fit them to exert a wide-spread influence.

In an especial manner the most earnest and thoughtful workers are drawn to see the importance of instructing the young in the subject of Temperance as a science, that they may fully and clearly understand the effects of alcohol upon the body. We rejoice that so many are aroused to feel the need of right instruction of the rising generation, and thus laying the solid foundation on which the society of the future shall rear a structure of purity and sobriety, the like of which the world has never known.

Five of the States of our Union have already enacted laws making Scientific Instruction in Temperance compulsory in the public schools.

The work of the Committee has been largely directed in the line of juvenile instruction. A number of schools have been established in different localities, in which are taught as simply as possible the effects of alcohol upon the system. Some of these schools have been in operation two or three years, and we can already see that the seed sown has begun to bring forth fruit; others are yet in their infancy, but we believe with the blessing of God they are to become powerful agencies in uprooting the terrible evil of intemperance from our land.

Two meetings under the care of the Committee have been held at the Boarding School at Providence. In order to increase the interest in Temperance among the pupils, the Committee thought best to offer prizes for the four best essays on "The Alcoholic Evil, its Causes and Remedy," and twenty-five dollars of the Yearly Meeting's appropriation was set apart for that object. Books of reference prepared by our best writers on the subject were placed in the Library for their use, and the Principal and Teachers heartily coöperated in the work, which resulted in quite a number of well-prepared papers, and, we trust, an increased interest in the subject. We earnestly desire that this interest may be not only sustained but increased, and that future Committees appointed by the Yearly Meeting may feel the importance of special work in that institution, and that the time may not be far distant when Scientific Temperance Instruction shall be added to the regular course of study in that school.

Out of fifty blanks sent out to our Bible Schools, thirty have been filled and returned with results as follows:

Number of officers and teachers	211
Number of those that have signed Temperance Pledge	174
Number of those that have signed Triple Pledge	82
Number of scholars	1,454
Number of scholars that have signed Temperance Pledge	698
Number of scholars that have signed Triple Pledge	322

There are connected with these Bible Schools ten organizations for the instruction of the children in Temperance, which have a membership of 489 children and 158 adults. These have held 110 meetings during the year. Besides these regular meetings for instruction, 59 temperance meetings have been held in connection with the Bible School work.

The fact that so large a number of our Bible Schools have not responded to our call for statistics, necessarily renders our report very incomplete, while the reports received show a great need of earnest work in the different localities. Therefore we recommend to the Yearly Meeting that they continue this department of Christian work, but would advise the appointment of a new Committee, as the present Committee has been under appointment for four years. We think there are other members of our Yearly Meeting who need just this kind of work to develop them, and we trust that they will be enabled to labor with greater effect than we have done.

We think that the Yearly Meeting should appropriate, at the least, two hundred dollars for the needs of the work the ensuing year.

MARY ALMY CHASE, *Secretary.*

The Treasurer of the Committee on Temperance makes the following Report:

Balance on hand from last year	$9 29	
Received of George Howland, Jr., Treasurer of Y. M.	150 00	
		$159 29
Amount expended during the year		$159 29

JOHN F. CHASE, *Treasurer.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 16th, 1884.

We feel that the present is no time for relaxing our efforts, and we commend the cause to the continued care of a Committee. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance. A Committee was appointed to select a suitable Committee to whom this service may be confided.

32. The Representatives propose the following-named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year. The Friends named are satisfactory to the Meeting and are appointed accordingly.

MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

Benjamin F. Knowles,
Wm. C. Taber,
Charles M. Bailey,
Sophia D. Bailey,
Richard Battey,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Enoch Hoag,
George Howland, Jr.,
Augustine Jones,
William Thompson,
Rachel B. Nichols,
George Douglas,
William O. Newhall,
Charles F. Coffin.
Charles Taber,
Lydia Haight,
Hannah J. Bailey,
S. Jane Cox,
Anna G. Wood,
Augustus F. Cox,
Jacob K. Purinton,
Anthony M. Kimber,
David K. Akin,
James H. Chace,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Mary W. Collins,
Reuben T. Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Eli Jones,
Thomas B. Nichols,
Gulielma M. Thorndike.
Huldah S. Buffum,
Susan T. Thompson,
Alfred H. Jones,
Harriet D. Collins,
Owen Dame,
John F. Chase,
Olney T. Meader,
William H. Cates.

33. The Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel service have now presented a concise and interesting Report which is satisfactory to the Meeting, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF GENERAL MEETINGS AND OTHER GOSPEL SERVICE.

To the Yearly Meeting :

As servants entrusted with sacred and responsible duties your Committee would render an account of the Gospel Work which our Heavenly Father has wrought through this instrumentality, and in doing so would ascribe all the praise to Him who by the Holy Spirit has directed the labor and sealed the service. While we have sometimes experienced personal sacrifices in leaving our homes to proclaim the Gospel message, that has been blessedly overbalanced by the joy of knowing that in many localities new names have been added to our Father's Family. We would record our sense of loss in the removal by death of our beloved brother and associate, Henry T. Wood. Endowed with much executive ability and having an intimate knowledge of the condition and needs of the various meetings within our limits, together with an extensive acquaintance with the workers here and elsewhere, he was admirably qualified to be Chairman of this Committee, a position which he occupied for several years until failing health caused him to surrender it to others. From faithfully serving here he has entered the higher service above, but the influence of his devoted earnest labors will not be lost. At the first meeting of the Committee, after a season of prayerful waiting before the Lord and earnestly inquiring to know His will, the conviction was forced upon us that a more systematic arrangement of the work was necessary, and accordingly the Yearly Meeting was divided into four districts with a pastoral superintendent for each. Our limited experience in this line has proved the value of the plan. Some mistakes have doubtless been made, but on the whole more pastoral care and more effective labor has been the result, and we are convinced that vastly more may yet be done, with the blessing of God in bringing not only individual members but entire meetings into active sympathy and coöperation with the aggressive spirit of the Gospel. We can acknowledge the general feeling of unity that has prevailed and the willingness of most meetings to coöperate, many times being so conscious of their need of greater life that they expressed a desire for revival service. The Friends appointed as District Superintendents have rendered an account of their services and from their Reports we compile the following statistics:

First District.—Charles M. Jones, Superintendent, reports,—number of meetings in the district, 16; number of meetings visited, 14; number of series of meetings, 5; number of meetings in series, 78; number of Bible readings, 3; number of two-days' meetings, 6; number of professed conversions, 50. J. H. Douglas labored very satisfactorily in the series of meetings held at Winthrop, Me. The Gospel was clearly preached in all its fulness, and as a result a large number were converted and reclaimed, some of them birth-right members who had never known anything of a change of heart, and the general verdict is that the Church never received so much of a blessing as at this time. In another series was a notable case of an old man about seventy, who was converted, became a diligent attender of meetings and requested to become a member of our Society. There are some localities where the improvement is very marked but in some others we have little to encourage us. We have not many additions to the Church as yet, but to my mind this is not discouraging. The Church has been very low and it takes a great amount of work to bring her up to where souls will be converted and added to her and receive the fostering care they must have or else die. I am satisfied I see a general movement in this direction, and I believe the time is not far off when we shall have large numbers added to our membership.

Second District.—Timothy B. Hussey, Superintendent, reports,—number of meetings in the district, 17; number of meetings visited, 14; number of series of meetings, 8; number of meetings in four series, 50; aggregate time of holding four series, 10 weeks; number of Bible readings, 11; number of professed conversions, 37. Emeline H. Tuttle, Mary H. Rogers and Amos M. Kenworthy, have greatly aided the Committee and their labors were much blessed of the Lord in the upbuilding of the Church and confirming the faith of believers. One of the meetings was specially blessed with pastoral care during the summer months which resulted in a marked religious interest and growth in the truth. The Holy Spirit has indeed been working mightily in many hearts in our midst, for which we praise the Lord.

Third District.—Charles H. Jones, Superintendent, reports,—number of meetings in the district, 20; number of meetings visited, 14; number of series of meetings, 11; number of meetings in series, 134; number of Bible readings, 4; number of children's meetings, 4; number of two-days' meetings, 2; number of professed conversions, 16. It is frequently the case that more fruit is apparent after meetings have been held than appears while they are in progress. I simply desire to be found doing my blessed Master's will, leaving results with Him to whom belongeth all the glory. At the close of one of the series of meetings a Friend remarked, that " he felt a little uneasy when so much money was raised at the Yearly Meeting for this Gospel work but he should be in favor of doubling it another year, for he had received such a blessing as he never knew anything about before." We have visited families and established weekly prayer meetings and Bible readings wherever we could and everywhere encouraged the people to go to work themselves if they wanted to keep revived. The Lord has richly blessed us, and I can say with a full heart as I close my general work with the Committee, " Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me bless His holy name."

Fourth District.—Henry C. Aydelott, Superintendent, reports,—number of meetings in the district, 25; number of meetings visited, 14; number of series of meetings, 7; number of meetings in series, 79; number of Bible readings, 15; number of children's meetings, 1; number of two-days' meetings, 5; number of professed conversions, 3. S. Adelbert Wood, of Michigan, labored very satisfactorily in two places in this district, with marked blessing to the Church. A careful survey of the field allotted to me reveals two facts as the cause of our low spiritual state. One is the sad neglect of the service of prayer; the other is a want of faith in the quickening power of the Holy Ghost. We must have more prayer in the closet, in the home, and in the congregation. Our trust must be more in a life-giving power that comes with prayer, and less in mere legislation.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Committee:

Number of meetings for worship in the Yearly Meeting	78
Number of meetings where labor has been bestowed,	56
Number of series of meetings,	31
Number of meetings in twenty-seven of the series,	341
Aggregate time of holding four remaining series,	10 weeks
Number of Bible readings,	33
Number of children's meetings,	5
Number of two-days' meetings,	13
Number who have professed to be converted,	106
Meetings that have been visited at irregular intervals without continuous service,	12

In addition to the above service, every Quarterly Meeting and nearly all the Monthly Meetings have been visited by the Committee, and in each place where special meetings have been held, the work has been supplemented and largely blessed by visiting the members in their homes, particular attention having been given to the aged, the sick, and to those recently converted.

A prominent phase of the work and one that has demanded much of the energies of the servants of the Lord, has been to endeavor to arouse the Church to a sense of her high and glorious privileges, and of her responsibility in the work of upbuilding. Discouragements had too often taken the place of a firm trust in God, and it seemed to be of no avail to reach out for the unsaved when the Church had no spiritual food to give to the babes in Christ after they should be brought in. The call has been loudly sounded throughout our borders. "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, * * * Shake thyself from the dust; arise, * * * loose thyself from the bands of thy neck."—(Isa. 52: 1, 2.) Many have heeded the message. The Spirit of God has been at work in the quickening of His professed followers and in a general awakening to the necessity and value of living holy, consecrated lives, and we think a great advance has been made this year in elevating the standard of spirituality. The importance of shepherding the flock has pressed upon our attention as it has done in years past: and we have been impressed with the need of pastoral service in those meetings, having no resident minister, which are located at business centers, at seaside resorts where the attendance is largely increased during the summer months, and at country meetings where there are many young people. Such meetings need some positive, deep Christian experience around which to rally and which in turn will lead them into a more advanced Christian life and practice; in fact, the continued existence of some meetings will depend upon some systematic arrangement for feeding the flock and looking after individual members. We have in our midst those who have been anointed and qualified of the Lord to be pastors and teachers. May the Lord so direct New England Yearly Meeting that she may wisely meet the questions of recognizing the various gifts of her members and of utilizing all the forces God has given her, so that in fields now barren and desolate she may yet gather golden grain.

We can look back on the year that is past, and thank God for what He has wrought, and having faithfully endeavored to serve the Church, we commit the work again to the Yearly Meeting.

ELI JONES, *Chairman.*

P. S. AYDELOTT, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The sum placed at our disposal in aid of this work	$1,012 24	
To which has been added interest	22 50	
		$1,034 74
Expended during the year	$786 11	
Leaving in hands of Committee	248 63	
		$1,034 74

ANNA G. WOOD, *Treasurer.*

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the evident blessing which has attended their faithful labor during the past year, we unite in the reappointment of the same Committee with the exception of our late dear friend, Henry T. Wood, deceased, and Sarah W. Newlin (late Goddard) removed from within our limits, and the addition of Annie M. Ray, Anthony M. Kimber, Elizabeth S. H. Smith. The Meeting entered into a voluntary contribution and the sum of $507.65 was raised and placed in the hands of the Committee.

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MEETINGS.

Eli Jones,
Phebe S. Aydelott,
Anna G. Wood,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Ruth S. Murray,
Charles H. Jones,
William Jacob,
Charles M. Jones,
I. Warren Hawkes,
William P. Macomber,
Lydia Haight,
Alice Almy,
Henry C. Aydelott,
Harriet D. Collins,
Elizabeth T. Larkin,
William Thompson,
Susan T. Thompson,
Cyrus Cartland,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Hannah S. Wing,
George H. Farr,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Annie M. Ray,
Anthony M. Kimber,
Elizabeth S. H. Smith.

ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MEETINGS AND OTHER GOSPEL SERVICE.

Eli Jones, *Chairman*, Phebe S. Aydelott, *Secretary*,
William Thompson, *Treasurer*.

District No. 1, comprising Vassalboro and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings; CHARLES M. JONES, Superintendent, Winthrop, Me.

District No. 2, comprising Falmouth and Dover Quarterly Meetings; TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY, Superintendent, North Berwick, Me.

District No. 3, comprising Salem and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings; WILLIAM JACOB, Superintendent, Mansfield, Mass.

District No. 4, comprising Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings; HENRY C. AYDELOTT, Superintendent, Fall River, Mass.

34. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee to disburse the income of the Mosher Fund have presented the following-named Friends which are acceptable to the Meeting and they are appointed accordingly, viz.:—

COMMITTEE ON THE INCOME OF THE MOSHER FUND.

William Thompson,	Rebecca H. Smiley,
Alfred H. Jones,	Ruth S. Murray,
John Ellwood Paige,	Esther Jones.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this evening at 8 o'clock.

EVENING.—Met pursuant to adjournment.

35. The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools was presented and read, which is satisfactory to the Meeting. Upon the recommendation of the Committee for a new appointment, we appoint a Committee to nominate a Committee to have the charge of this concern during the ensuing year. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

A voluntary contribution was taken and the sum of $70.26 was received.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Most of the Schools throughout the Yearly Meeting have been visited by some members of the Committee during the past year.

An increasing interest has been manifested in the study of the Scriptures in a large number of the Schools. Quarterly Conferences have been held as usual.

The Bible School Quarterly, prepared by Friends, has been used in part of the classes in thirty-three Schools.

There were some efforts made to hold a General Conference in the Eighth Month but way did not open for it, therefore there has none been held during the year.

We recommend a new Committee be appointed, and that as large an appropriation be placed at their disposal as shall be deemed consistent with the importance of the work.

SALOMA C. WHEELER, *Sec. Pro. Tem.*

STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Number Schools.	Number Scholars.	Average Attend.	Number Friends reported in Schools.	Number Friends in Meeting.
Rhode Island	9	487	348	193	702
Salem	8	419	175	251	668
Sandwich	10	311	235	148	722
Falmouth	10	434	299	177	606
Smithfield	7	274	171	108	406
Vassalboro	7	219	138	145	480
Dover	4	147	93	68	306
Fairfield	7	417	278	99	469
	62	2708	1737	1189	4359

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPT.

From Geo. Howland, Jr.		$21 08

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses visiting Schools	$14 40	
Printing	3 68	
Aid to Schools	3 00	
		$21 08

I. WARREN HAWKES, *Chairman and Treas.*

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING, THE 18TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

36. The Committee appointed last year to visit the Conference of Congregational Churches of Maine reported their attendance.

They found a band of earnest, devoted Ministers and workers, and were cordially welcomed and hospitably entertained.

A delegate was appointed at that Conference to attend this Yearly Meeting; but we have received a letter from him expressing his regret at being prevented from being with us.

The following greeting is approved by this Meeting and directed to be forwarded to the above-named Conference now in session, signed by our Clerks.

TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MAINE:

Dear Friends,—We have received at this time the Report of our Committee who were appointed last year to attend your Conference. They bring to us your cordial greeting and Christian salutation to which we most heartily respond.

We feel that as followers of one common Lord we can indeed sympathize in His service though we may be led in different paths.

As the Lord Jesus Christ is the center of religious life and power the nearer His followers come to Him the more nearly they approach each other. And if Christians would successfully oppose the great enemy of souls they must not waste their strength in combating one another.

We regret that your delegate, John S. Sewall was unable to be with us at this time. We have received a fraternal letter from him excusing his absence.

We desire that the Lord Jesus the Great Head of the Church may be with you in your Conference, strengthening and refreshing your souls and equipping you for service. May the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the only endowment of power, rest upon you and us, enabling each in our several allotments to glorify Him.

37. The Committee appointed for that purpose propose the following-named Friends to constitute a Committee on Temperance, which is satisfactory and adopted, as follows, viz.:—

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Officers.

Ezra Hawkes, *Chairman.*
John F. Chase, *Secretary and Treasurer.*
Charles W. Goddard, *Superintendent of Juvenile Work.*

Rhode Island.

Harriet D. Collins, Hopkinton R.I.
Charles A. Chace, Fall River, Mass.
† Elizabeth A. Gifford, Providence, R.I.
Louisa N. Meader, Albion, R.I.

Salem.

* Ezra Hawkes, Boston, Mass.
* Alice W. Hawkes, Boston, Mass.
James P. Boyce, Lynn, Mass.
* John H. Crosman, Lynn, Mass.
* John F. Chase, Manchester, N.H.
Elizabeth T. Larkin, Manchester, N.H.

Sandwich.

† Ruth S. Murray, New Bedford, Mass.
Mary C. Baylies, New Bedford, Mass.
Edward T. Tucker, New Bedford, Mass.
Hannah S. Wing, Sandwich, Mass.

Falmouth.

* A. F. Cox, Portland, Me.
* † S. Jane Cox, Portland, Me.
† Chas. W. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.
Emma F. Getchell, Lisbon Falls, Me.
Sarah W. J. McLellan, South Windham, Me.
Huldah H. Leighton, Woodfords, Me.

Smithfield.

* † John Metcalfe, Worcester, Mass.
Geo. F. Varney, Woonsocket, R.I.
Abigail Wheeler, Northbridge, Mass.
Susan A. Gifford, Princeton, Mass.

Vassalboro.

Eli Jones, South China, Me.
Frank E. Jones, South China, Me.
† Ruthanna H. Nichols, East Vassalboro, Me.

Dover.

Timothy B. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
† Anna M. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
Thomas Hoag, Tamworth, N.H.
Ida M. Jenness, Gonic, N.H.

Fairfield.

Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop, Me.
Harriet N. Jones, Winthrop, Me.
Hepsie A. Hoxie, West Sidney, Me.
Joseph T. Richardson, North Fairfield, Me.
† Phebe Wing, North Fairfield, Me.

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* Executive Committee. † Committee on Juvenile Work.

38. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, have presented a Report which has been read. The effort of the Committee for their elevation and instruction in the principles of the Gospel of Christ, has been richly blessed, and we rejoice that in the untutored savage as well as in the more cultivated mind, the spirit of the Lord works for their highest advantage and greatest good. The subject of an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance. We appoint a Committee to produce at the next sitting of this Meeting the names of Friends for a Committee to whom this interesting concern may be confided another year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

During the past year the direct labor in behalf of the Indians has been done by the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian affairs, representing the various Yearly Meetings.

The report of White's Manual Labor Institute at Wabash, Indiana, is satisfactory. Benjamin S. Coppock writes, "The children have made commendable progress in all kinds of industry, and in the facility and ease of performing it. The boys show an interest in the growth, harvesting and yield of crops, in the health and good appearance of stock, and in the improvements on the farm and buildings. The girls have been faithful helpers in all kinds of house work; their progress has been satisfactory. In school work the children have advanced steadily, at times showing real enthusiasm; their conduct has been praiseworthy. During a part of the year there has been deep religious feeling, and we believe several of the children have been hopefully converted."

The subject of providing temporary homes, in white families, for those Indian youths who have been trained in Industrial Schools, was considered and approved by the Committee. There are 49 Indian children now in school, 15 more expected soon. The new home for girls is completed. The officers and teachers have shown extraordinary devotion to their arduous duties and most self-sacrificing toil. This Institution calls loudly for our sympathy.

The religious work in Quapaw Indian Agency embraces the Modoc, Ottowa, Wyandotte and Seneca Tribes, also the Shawnees living among the Cherokees in the north-east part of the country. Preparative meetings are regularly held at the Modoc, Wyandotte and Seneca meeting places. Grand River Monthly Meeting is held alternately at each of the places named. A new Monthly Meeting-house has been erected at Shawnee town in the Sac and Fox Agency.

Steamboat Frank, a devoted Minister, seems to possess unfaltering faith, though recently afflicted by the loss of his wife and child, and with failing health, His uniform testimony is "Father in Heaven knows best. He take good care me, I trust him, I not 'scouraged, I happy all the time like at first." His gift in the ministry has had a steady though not rapid growth, and his labors therein are acceptable especially in his own meeting where he is best understood. He has desired for some time to visit his people in Oregon. The Associated Executive Committee were united in approval of his going forth upon this religious service, and provided him with means to defray his expenses by private contribution.

One of the two meeting houses for which funds were raised, at our last Yearly Meeting, has been completed and occupied, with an average attendance of 30, the majority of whom cannot understand English.

A Bible School has been regularly held at the new meeting house since its opening, superintended by Lucy Winney, an Indian woman, who is quite conversant with both English and native languages.

Jeremiah Hubbard and John M. Watson have kept on diligently with their religious work in the Agency the past year. Eliza Watson has been engaged in teaching the Modoc women to care for their homes, which has been greatly blessed to them. She thinks of giving up this work unless she can have more help to carry it on.

The whole amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $3,500. The quota for this Yearly Meeting is $595. We recommend that this sum be appropriated.

The present Committee having been long under appointment would propose that a new Committee be appointed, and advise the Monthly Meetings to enter into the work.

In conclusion, the Committee feel that it is with thankfulness that they are permitted to see so much evidence that the Lord's blessing is upon the work and its workers.

On behalf of the Committee,

WM. O. NEWHALL.
MYRA E. FRYE.

39. The Committee on the Concern of this Meeting for the Improvement of the Condition of the Freedmen of the South, have presented their Sixth Annual Report, together with the Report of the Condition of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn., made by its Superintendent, William P. Hastings. We again refer this Concern to the same Committee. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

We hope that the liberal offer of a Friend for the establishment of an Endowment Fund, will find a response in the hearts of those to whom our Heavenly Father has entrusted the stewardship of earthly treasures. Any one who feels disposed in this direction, may communicate with Benjamin F. Knowles, South Manchester, Conn.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee, in connection with the Principal at the School, have endeavored to make the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tennessee, useful to the colored man by giving him a good secular and Christian education, one that will make him a respected citizen, — profitable to himself and a benefit to the community in which he may live. Anything short of this will fail to meet the object for which the enterprise was undertaken.

The school was opened at the usual time in Eighth Month last, but, for the want of funds, non-paying pupils were not admitted, and there being a free district school in the place, the number of students was much below that of previous years, yet of a higher grade. Nearly fifty per cent. of the entire school at its opening entered the Normal Class to fit themselves for teaching.

During the Fall Term the enrollment remained less than usual, but, owing to the large number of students who came from other sections of the country, the per cent. of attendance was much above the average of former years, and their improvement correspondingly greater. The Normal Class rose in Ninth Month to thirty-eight, and at the close of the school in the Twelfth Month to fifty-eight,—a number more than double what it was during the same time last year. Eighty of the Institute's former students at the commencement of the Fall Term reported themselves as teaching common schools, and at the close, eighty-three were occupied in the same calling,—twenty more than were reported last year for the same time.

The Spring Term opened early in the First Month, 1884, with one hundred and thirty-nine pupils; seventy-two of these were in the Teachers' Training Class, and it closed with one hundred and forty-five, ninety-four of whom were in the same class fitting themselves for usefulness among their own people. The number of students reporting themselves engaged in teaching, came but little short of what it was last Fall. In comparing the Reports of the schools, under the care of our students, with former years, we are warranted in believing that they have extended over more time,—imparting instruction, as stated by Wm. P. Hastings, to not less than four thousand of their race, for which every lover of our country ought to be truly thankful, and manifest a willingness to help forward so laudable a cause.

The number of pupils in the Institute this year has been less than usual, but the per cent. of attendance greater, and their standing higher, with an advance in their studies unequalled in former years.

The interest taken in the Sabbath School and religious meetings indicates a growth pertaining to morals and religion, so as to effect a commendable change in their character.

Last year Wm. P. Hastings was a greater part of the time absent from the school laboring among the colored people in the interest of temperance and education, this year he has not been engaged in the same service, with a very limited exception.

The second bell, procured at a New York foundry, cracked like the first, so as to be worthless, and was removed from the belfry last Fall. and one from a bell foundry in Baltimore recently put in its place.

A severe hail storm in last Seventh Month broke considerable glass in the windows.

The roof has been repaired and covered with good tin and one coat of paint, but will need another sometime this coming year.

The more the Committee become acquainted with the noble work of this Institution in educating teachers, and what the students who are sent out from it are doing to help the poor colored man to an education that will fit him for usefulness and make him a more desirable citizen of our country, the more solicitous we are that this work be not curtailed for the want of pecuniary aid.

Friends have always been deeply interested in helping to improve the condition of the colored man. but this could not be done so long as he was bound by the shackles of slavery. We labored earnestly for his release from such a condition, and it has been effected. But now we find him only a little above his former state because of his proclivities to vice, combined with his great ignorance, very much growing out of his former state of servitude. From this condition we believe he can be elevated by good schools to enlarge his intellect, combined with sound Christian training to improve his heart. and create a love to pursue through life a course that will form a noble character.

About four millions of this people, at the close of the war, have increased to about seven millions. and what better can we do for them and our country than to spend part of our substance in putting the Freedman's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tennessee, in a condition to more successfully pursue the object for which it was established?

What better can Friends and all others do, who wish to help forward such an Institution by their substance, than to give before the close of life?

As the income of the George Sturge Fund,—a truly noble gift of a dear English Friend,—is intended to lessen the expense of students attending this Institution. so what is now most needed is an Endowment Fund, at least, of fifteen thousand dollars, the income to be used in paying teachers. Thus these two Funds would supplement each other in carrying forward the great and good work of elevating the poor colored man to a respectable condition in society. For an elevating education many of them are working hard and living a self-denying life.

The Committee are thankful that they can inform this Meeting that a

Friend stands ready to place in the hands of three Trustees appointed by this Meeting, five thousand dollars as soon as the other ten thousand can be raised either among Friends or others. And may the good Master put it into the hearts of some to furnish it speedily.

We would ask for an appropriation of eight hundred dollars, to be returned to the Meeting if the above endowment is secured in time to meet the wants of the school.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cost of bell, freight and hanging		$98 06
Received for bell,		
From students and citizens	$53 65	
Wm. P. Hastings and family	9 50	
Entertainments given by the school	35 54	
		$98 69
Expended on the building		
Repairing, tinning and painting roof as per bill	$452 00	
Repairing window as per bills	11 70	
		$463 70
Receipts		
From Frank Cheeney	$100 00	
From Moses Sawyer	100 00	
From a Friend to balance account,	263 70	
		$463 70
Account with dormitory and appropriation		
Received appropriation	$1,000 00	
Received rent for rooms in dormitory	430 80	
		$1,430 80
Expended		
Paid Wm. P. Hastings appropriation	$1,000 00	
Paid Wm. P. Hastings from rent of rooms	300 00	
Balance for new account	130 80	
		$1,430 80

For the Committee.

B. F. KNOWLES.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 18th, 1884.

REPORT OF THE FREEDMEN'S NORMAL INSTITUTE, MARYVILLE, TENN., FROM EIGHTH MONTH 20TH, 1883, TO FIFTH MONTH 16TH, 1884, INCLUDING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Number of days taught	188
Number enrolled	145
Average number belonging	88.4
Average number daily	79.2
Per cent. of attendance	88.1
Teachers in the Training Class	94

Number teaching in different States	83
Estimated number taught by these teachers	4000
Greatest number of boarders in the buildings at once	81
Average cost of provisions to each student per week	$1.25
Number of primary pupils	7
Number studying Intermediate Arithmetic	71
Complete Arithmetic	67
Intellectual Arithmetic	138
Training Lessons in English Grammar	7
Graded Lessons in English	116
Higher Lessons in English	22
Geography	135
United States History	20
Latin	5
Natural Philosophy	3
Algebra	10

The number of students enrolled is smaller than usual with a much larger per cent. of attendance. The cause of this is that we have not used the public funds in the Institution this year. The School has been composed of students of an unusually high grade, as the foregoing Report shows. Nine of these have completed the Elementary Course of study and received certificates showing their grade. The enrollment of the Sabbath School reached one hundred and fifty with an average of over one hundred. The influence of a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association organized among the students has been good.

Our Mid-week Meetings have been continued as usual throughout the year. Our membership having increased sufficiently it was thought best for us to have a separate Monthly Meeting. Southern Monthly Meeting was accordingly established on the 25th day of Eighth Month, 1883. We now have seventy members, six of them being white and the rest colored.

In submitting this annual Report we desire to express our gratitude for the interest manifested by so many of our dear Friends in this very important and much-needed work.

May our dear Heavenly Father continue to move the hearts of His people toward the support of the education and moral elevation of this people who are even now laboring under so many difficulties and disabilities.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. P. HASTINGS, *Principal.*

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Benjamin F. Knowles,
Charles F. Coffin,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Moses Sawyer,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Hannah B. Sawyer,

40. The Trustees of the George Sturge Fund presented their third Annual Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and is as follows, viz.:—

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE STURGE FUND.

To The Yearly Meeting:

The investment of the Fund remains as at our last report, and for safe keeping is in the vaults of the Rhode Island Safe Deposit Co., in Providence.

One dollar a week was allowed, during the Fall Term, to each of fifty-two students who were receiving instruction in the Normal Class with the intention of being teachers.

Seventy-four students were in the same Training Class during the Spring Term, each receiving seventy-five cents a week toward paying their expense of being in school.

The number of weeks that pupils were helped by the George Sturge Fund, while in training for teachers during the past year, would equal about fifty-four students attending an entire year of thirty-eight weeks.

At no previous time, as is believed by the principal of the school, has the class been of as high a grade, or made so rapid and satisfactory advance in their studies.

Wm. P. Hastings in a recent letter, writes that "A number of discourses have been given on the subject of Peace. Evidently a strong sentiment prevails among the students in favor of peace principles. They frequently gave expression to their convictions of these principles as according with Scriptural doctrine. The Scriptures were read daily in the school,—undivided attention being expected,—and by about all the students, evident interest was manifested in this as well as all other religious exercises. The prevailing sentiment was decidedly opposed to the use of alcoholic drinks and tobacco."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year's account	$660 23	
Coupons due Seventh Month, 1883	727 50	
Interest due on deposits to Eleventh Month, 1883	13 33	
Coupons due First Month, 1884	727 50	
Interest due to Third Month, thirtieth, 1884	15 32	
		$2,143 88

EXPENDITURES.

Paid students, as per bill for Fall Term, 1883	$644 00
Paid students as per bill for Spring Term, 1884	1,053 00
Amount carried forward,	$1,697 00

Amount brought forward,	$1,697 00	
Paid tuition of needy children, as per bill	54 56	
Paid for clothing and other things, as per bill	30 30	
Balance for new account	362 02	
		$2,143 88

For the Trustees,

B. F. KNOWLES.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 17th, 1884.

TRUSTEES OF THE STURGE FUND.

Benjamin F. Knowles, South Manchester, Conn.
Samuel R. Buffinton, Fall River, Mass.
Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.
Owen Dame, Lynn, Mass.
Rebecca H. Smiley, New Bedford, Mass.
Ellen K. Buffum, Providence, R. I.
Susan T. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon in separate sessions.

AFTERNOON.—Met pursuant to adjournment.

41. The Committee appointed on the proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting report as follows, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITION FROM FAIRFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Joint Committee to consider the request from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting in relation to holding the Quarterly Meetings at different places within their respective limits, are united that the change, as proposed, should not be made at present.

On behalf of the Committee.

SAM'L R. BUFFINTON,
GEO. HOWLAND, JR.,
MARY R. JONES,
MARY E. GIFFORD.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 17th, 1884.

Which is accepted and adopted by the Meeting, and the Clerks are directed to inform that Quarterly Meeting of the conclusion of this Meeting.

42. The following request from the Committee on General Meetings is referred to the Committee on Finance, viz. :—

To the Yearly Meeting :

The Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel Service now under appointment by the Yearly Meeting, are united in requesting that an appropriation of $300 be made for their use.

On behalf of the Committee,

ELI JONES, *Chairman.*

Phebe S. Aydelott, *Secretary.*

Newport, Sixth Month 18th, 1884.

43. The Committee on Mission work in North Carolina and other States in the South have made their Report, which has been read, viz. :—

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA MISSION.

To the Yearly Meeting :

Your Committee on Educational and Mission Work in North Carolina have to report that there has not been as much done in this interesting field during the past year as in former years, for the good and satisfactory reason that there has not been as much need. The people there have been educated to try to help themselves, and have succeeded so well as to sustain schools in several neighborhoods with only the aid obtained from their public funds. The school at Hunting Creek was in session four months under the care of James A. Johnson, one of our former pupils, who is now very well educated, and is efficient as a teacher. Fannie Caison, with her untiring perseverance and devotion, has continued the school at Winthrop, in Iredell County, six months of the year, with good success.

The entire expenses of the latter school, and the most of those of the former were paid by us, which it seemed necessary to do, but we think there is a prospect that one of these schools will, erelong, be self-supporting. Ninety scholars have attended the two schools, about one-half of whom were the children of Friends.

Nearly all of the Friends living in the neighborhood of Fannie Caison's school have but recently become members of the Society, and are yet learners and unaccustomed to the ways and practices of it. An indulged meeting and Bible school have been held in the schoolhouse during the entire year, and are yet continued.

Through the kindness of our friends, Tacy P. Hawkes, Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland and Mary S. Wood, several barrels of clothing and useful articles have been sent to Fannie Caison, and distributed by her to the most needy in the neighborhood of our schools. Many words of gratitude have been expressed, and blessings pronounced upon the donors, by those who were recipients of these much needed comforts.

We hope the Yearly Meeting will continue this work at least one more year under the care of a committee. An appropriation of $200 will, we think, be sufficient to continue the work in those places where we have already been engaged, and where the people still greatly need assistance and sympathy.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Secretary.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 16th, 1884.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1883	DR.		
Sixth Month.	Rec'd from a Friend	$1 00	
Eleventh Month.	Rec'd from Hannah J. Bailey	5 00	
	Rec'd from Mary S. Wood	3 00	
	Rec'd from Ellen K. Buffum	5 00	
	Rec'd from Salem Monthly Meeting . .	7 00	
	Rec'd from Friends, Lynn, by T. P. Hawkes	13 00	
Twelfth Month.	Rec'd from Geo. Howland, Jr., Treas. .	300 00	
1884			
First Month.	Rec'd from J. E. Briggs	5 00	
Second Month.	Rec'd from Benj. F. Knowles	5 00	
			$344 00
1883	CR.		
Seventh Month.	Paid teacher's travelling expenses . . .	$10 00	
Ninth Month.	Paid teacher on acct. board	20 00	
Eleventh Month	Paid teacher on acct. of salary	20 00	
	Paid for stove and other needed articles	20 00	
Twelfth Month.	Paid for board of teachers	14 00	
1884			
Second Month.	Paid teachers' salaries	60 00	
Fourth Month.	Paid teachers' salaries	155 00	
	Paid for postage	1 05	
	Paid aid for sick and poor	10 00	
	Paid teacher's travelling expenses . .	11 81	
Sixth Month.	Balance in hands of Committee . . .	22 14	
			$344 00

For the Committee.

MATTHEW HOWLAND, *Treasurer.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 13th, 1884.

The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance. The Committee under appointment are continued for service another year, except Rachel S. Howland, released upon her own request, and Elizabeth C. Murray is appointed in her place.

COMMITTEE ON MISSION WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Benjamin F. Knowles,
Alfred H. Jones,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Mary R. Jones,
Matthew Howland,
James R. Collins,
Elwood G. Macomber,
Charles A. Chace,
Phebe S. Aydelott,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Susan H. Meader,
Olney T. Meader,
A. Chalkley Collins,
Phebe Wing,
Martha Varney,
Arthur M. Hussey,
Jennie M. Cartland,
Mary E. Cartland,
Susan G. Kempton,
Charles M. Jones,
Nellie Bangs,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Mary S. Wood,
Richard Battey,
Sarah J. Swift,
Elizabeth C. Murray,
Nellie Johnson.

44. The Committee appointed this morning to nominate a Committee on Indian Affairs, propose the following, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly, viz. :—

INDIAN COMMITTEE.

Wm. O. Newhall,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Augustine Jones,
Rebecca Anthony,
John J. Frye,
Myra E. Frye,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Anthony M. Kimber,
Asa C. Tuttle,
Emeline H. Tuttle,
Eli Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Sarah D. Brown,
Olney T. Meader,
Hannah S. Wing,
Meltiah Gifford,
John Metcalfe,
Sarah J. Swift,
Frank E. Jones,
Ruthanna Nichols,
Mary G. Winslow,
Anna M. Gove.

45. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on Bible Schools present the following, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Friends named are appointed to that service.

We would encourage the Committee to earnest and renewed efforts for the establishment and increase of Bible Schools in our various Meetings, believing that they are the hope of the Church and will directly tend to its life and vigor.

BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Olney T. Meader,
Robert P. Gifford,
Harriet D. Collins,
George C. Herbert,
Lucy T. Herbert,
George R. Wood,
Hannah S. Wing,
Charles W. Goddard,
S. Jane Cox,
John Metcalfe,
Saloma C. Wheeler,
Frank E. Jones,
Huldah E. Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Alice R. Purinton,
Phebe Wing,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Alice R. Cranston.

46. The Committee appointed in reference to Oak Grove Seminary in Vassalboro, Maine, presented the following, viz. :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Joint Committee to whom was referred the subject of Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro, Maine, report that they are united in recommending that the Yearly Meeting accept the trust offered them by the Trustees, viz: to take the "care and direction" of the Seminary, with the understanding that no appropriation from the Yearly Meeting is expected, now or in the future, for the support of said Seminary.

On behalf of the Committee,

JAMES H. CHACE,
HANNAH J. BAILEY.

The Report is satisfactory to this Meeting, and we conclude to accept the care and direction of Oak Grove Seminary, and Wm. O. Newhall, Augustine Jones, Owen Dame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed a Committee, to see that a proper and legal transfer to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting of all the property belonging to Oak Grove Association, is made by the Trustees thereof.

We appoint a Committee to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends, to produce at our next sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to have the charge of Oak Grove Seminary, also the name of a Friend for Treasurer thereof.

47. We conclude to add the name of Robert P. Gifford to the

Boarding School Committee now under appointment, Women Friends concurring.

48. The Committee appointed last year in reference to the proposition from Baltimore Yearly Meeting in relation to the erection of a Meeting House in the City of Washington, D. C., made a verbal Report. The subject is still continued under the care of the same Committee, and they are instructed to receive such sums of money as Friends may feel free to contribute towards that object, and to hold the same until further directed by this Meeting.

COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITION FROM BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING.

Ezra Hawkes,
George Howland, Jr.
Benjamin F. Knowles.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FIFTH-DAY AFTERNOON THE 19TH.—The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

49. The Committee on Finance report as follows, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

We recommend that the following appropriations be made, viz. :—

For Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	$595 00
Bible Schools	100 00
Foreign Missions	750 00
Freedmen	800 00
North Carolina Mission	200 00
Aid to Friends in British Provinces	25 00
Temperance	200 00
Peace	25 00
	$2,695 00

By direction of the Committee.

OWEN DAME.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 19th, 1884.

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Rhode Island—Samuel R. Buffinton.
Salem—Owen Dame.
Sandwich—George Howland, Jr.
Falmouth—Augustus F. Cox.
Smithfield—Richard Battey.
Vassalboro—Charles B. Cates.
Dover—Jacob K. Purinton.
Fairfield—Levi Jones.

50. The Committtee appointed to nominate a Committee to have the care and direction of Oak Grove Seminary, also the name of a Friend for Treasurer thereof, present the following, viz. :—

COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY.

Charles M. Bailey,
Eli Jones,
Ebenezer Frye,
C. Irving Bailey,
Charles M. Jones,
Augustine Jones,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
John J. Frye,
Joseph T. Richardson,
Ezra Hawkes,
John H. Crosman,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Arthur Taber,
Frank E. Jones.
Meltiah Gifford.
Hannah J. Bailey,
Susan T. Thompson,
Myra E. Frye,
Huldah H. Leighton,
Ruthanna H. Nichols.
Mary E. Richardson,
Harriet L. Hoxie,
S. Jane Cox,
Harriet D. Collins,
Mary W. Jones of Newport,
Mary Ann Hoxie,
Julia E. Winslow.
Emma S. Briggs,
C. Alice Jones,
Mary E. Taber,
Sarah Marble.

FOR TREASURER.

Joseph E. Briggs, of Winthrop, Maine.

Which is satisfactory to the Meeting and they are appointed accordingly.

51. The Clerk is authorized to sign, on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend James M. Haviland, viz. :—" James M. Haviland attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us ;" and similar ones for David J. Douglas, Sarah W. Congdon, Deborah C. Thomas, Mary W. Thomas, Francis Lupton, Noah C. McLean, Mary S. Elliott, John P. Pennington, John Henry Douglas, Micajah M. Binford, Daniel B.

Johnson, Luke Woodard, Zaccheus H. Powell and Mary H. Rogers.

52. The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend Mary E. Haviland, viz. :—" Mary E. Haviland attended this Meeting ; Her company has been acceptable to us," and similar ones for Martha J. Sands, Miriam C. Douglas, Phebe E. Johnson, Elvira T. Woodard, Mary F. Powell, Aquilla H. Pickering and Hannah N. T. Pickering.

53. We appoint the following Committee to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open ; also, to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, who now are or may then be under appointment, viz. :—

John F. Tucker,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Levi Jones,
Augustus F. Cox,
George Douglas,
Ezra Hawkes,
Eli Jones.

54. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed ; and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

55. Epistles to London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, Indiana, Ohio, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and a Joint Epistle to Brumana Monthly Meeting were now read and approved ; the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

56. The Representatives propose that our next Yearly Meeting be held in Portland, Me., which is satisfactory to the meeting.

57. With prayerful and yet expectant hearts we gathered in this our Annual Assembly, and having disposed of the various important concerns of the Church that have claimed our attention, in much harmony and we trust, Christian unity, a grateful sense of the mercy that has been extended toward us, fills our hearts with a tribute of thanksgiving and praise unto Him who continues to be Head over all things to His Church and people. We now

separate in love, proposing to meet again in Portland, Maine, on the second Sixth-day of the Sixth Month, next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

NOTE.—The Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting are:—
GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., New Bedford, Mass.
JOSEPH CARTLAND, Newburyport, Mass.

MINUTES

OF THE

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1884.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Newport, on Rhode Island, commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 13th, 1884.

Reports have been received from all our Quarterly Meetings, informing us that the following-named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz. :—

From Rhode Island — Ellen K. Buffum, Huldah M. Beede, Harriet D. Collins, Sarah F. Tobey, Phebe S. Aydelott, Mary E. Kenyon, Gulielma Freeborn, Mary Dame and Esther Chace.

From Salem — Susan L. Meader, Lydia C. Neal, Abbie D. Beede, Mary J. Rogers, Deborah W. Crosman, Gulielma C. Wood, Alice W. Hawkes, Amanda M. Brown, Narcissa Crosman, Mary Almy Chase and Lavina G. Huntington.

From Sandwich — Ann B. Anthony, Rachel S. Howland, Susan S. Tripp, Lydia B. Dillingham, Susan T. Thompson, Huldah Gifford, Sylvia G. Howland, Hannah S. Wing, Mary E. Gifford, Ruth L. Smith, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ruth S. Murray and Jane G. Fisher.

From Falmouth — S. Jane Cox, Huldah H. Leighton, Lucy A. Hawkes, Jane C. Minott, Elizabeth A. Douglas, Myra E. Frye, Phebe H. Frye, Almira Cartland and Sarah W. J. McLellan.

From Smithfield — Lydia Haight, Maria Aldrich, Mary Melissa Clark, Abigail Wheeler, Dorcas H. Wheeler, Jennie Allyn, Rebecca A. Inman and Phebe M. Pitts.

From Vassalboro — Etta S. Cates, Mary R. Jones, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Eliza P. Pierce, Hannah T. Pratt and Louisa L. Osborne.

FROM DOVER — Anna M. Hussey, Alice R. Purinton, Ida M. Jenness, Carrie I. Hurd, Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Hannah W. Meader and Lydia E. Jenkins.

FROM FAIRFIELD — Sarah M. Richardson, Hannah J. Bailey, Sarah V. Winslow and Hannah R. Wing.

The names of the Representatives being called, they were all present except fourteen. For the absence of several of whom, satisfactory reasons were assigned. The Assistant Clerk being absent, Ruth S. Murray is appointed to act in that capacity during this sitting.

Epistles from our dear sisters of London, Ireland, New York and North Carolina Yearly Meetings, have been read and are truly acceptable to us. The further consideration of the Epistles was referred to another session.

We have appointed a Committee to propose the names of a Committee on Correspondence to essay replies to these sisterly greetings.

We have at this time the company of several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, who have presented certificates of unity and concurrence from their respective meetings, viz. :—Deborah C. Thomas and Mary W. Thomas, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting; Mary S. Elliott, Francis Lupton and Noah C. McLean, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; John P. Pennington, John Henry Douglas and Micajah M. Binford, from Indiana Yearly Meeting; Daniel B. Johnson, from Iowa Yearly Meeting; Zaccheus H. Powell and Mary H. Rogers from Kansas Yearly Meeting; Sarah W. Congdon, David J. Douglas and James M. Haviland, from New York Yearly Meeting, and Luke Woodard, from Canada Yearly Meeting.

There are also in attendance of this Meeting, Martha J. Sands, companion to Mary S. Elliott, Miriam C. Douglas, companion to her husband, John Henry Douglas, Phebe E. Johnson, in company with her father Daniel B. Johnson, Mary F. Powell, an Elder, accompanying her husband, Zaccheus H. Powell, Elvira T. Woodard, companion to her husband, Luke Woodard, Mary E. Haviland, accompanying her husband, James M. Haviland, and Aquila H. Pickering and his wife, Hannah N. T. Pickering, members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of Chicago Monthly

Meeting of Friends, who have produced satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings.

We extend a cordial welcome to these dear friends and desire that the "word of the Lord may have free course amongst us and be glorified," and being mixed with faith in those who hear it, may redound to the glory of God.

We appoint the following-named Friends, in conjunction with a similar Committee from the Men's Meeting, to prepare and produce to a future sitting returning Minutes as they may think proper for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings with Minutes addressed to this Meeting, viz.:—Ruth S. Murray, Huldah H. Leighton, Susan T. Thompson, Abigail Wheeler, Esther Chace, Rachel S. Howland and Hannah S. Wing.

As we have been permitted to assemble again in loving union and fellowship, our hearts have been filled with thankfulness, that the Great Head of the Church has been pleased to gather us as under the shadow of His wing, and give us a fresh manifestation of His remembrance of us. Changes have taken place among us, some of the Lord's servants have been called to come up higher, but we have remembered the promise "I, the Lord change not" and trust in Him that as our days so shall our strength be.

The absent ones who are unable to meet with us, have been remembered in loving desires, that "she that tarried at home" may also be permitted to divide the spoil. Thus may we all glorify our God and Father through the Lord Jesus Christ.

We adjourn to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Met according to adjournment.

Huldah M. Beede, on behalf of the Representatives informed the Meeting, that they were united in proposing Anna G. Wood for Clerk, and Ruth S. Murray for Assistant Clerk, which nominations being severally approved, they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year. The remaining, lively and interesting Epistles from our dear sisters of Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Kansas, and Canada were then read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence. The Friends appointed at our morning session presented the names of Friends to constitute this Committee, viz.:—Rachel S. Howland, Elizabeth C. Wing, Ruth S. Murray,

Sarah D. Brown, Alice H. Purinton, Myra E. Frye, Ellen C. Jones, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Alice W. Maxfield, Harriet D. Collins, Esther Jones, Adeline F. Chace, Susan T. Thompson, Mary Dame, Huldah H. Leighton, Elizabeth C. Murray, Jennie Allyn, Sarah W. J. McLellan. Rebecca D. Ewer, Mary J. Rogers, Deborah W. Crosman, Harriet N. Jones, Gulielma C. Wood, Susan M. Seabury, Sarah E. Frye, Hannah S. Wing. Hannah T. Pratt and M. Carrie Beede, who being acceptable to the Meeting, they were accordingly appointed to that service.

We appoint our friends Hannah J. Bailey, Mary R. Jones, Ellen K. Buffum, Mary A. Battey and Sarah M. Richardson to unite with a Committee of the Men's Meeting to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open ; also, to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, who now are, or may then be, under appointment.

We appoint our friends Sarah M. Richardson, Hannah J. Bailey, Mary Jane Gifford, Elizabeth A. Taylor, Gulielma Freeborn and Amanda M. Brown, to prepare a Summary of Answers to the Queries, received at this time from our several Quarterly Meetings.

Changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz. :—(See p. 5.)

A communication having been received addressed to this Meeting, we appoint our friends Sarah M. Richardson, Phebe R. Gifford, Hannah J. Bailey, Elizabeth C. Wing, Rachel S. Howland and Susan T. Thompson, to examine the same and report their judgment to a future meeting.

Men Friends inform us that a request has come up from three Quarterly Meetings, that the Yearly Meeting consider the subject of joint sessions and united meetings, and also, the last clause of the Tenth Query, and if it should seem advisable, that some changes be made in the Discipline in these respects. We unite with them in the appointment of two Friends from each Quarterly Meeting to consider the subject, and report to a future meeting. The Committee are as follows, viz. :—Esther Chace, Huldah M. Beede, Deborah W. Crosman, Alice W. Maxfield, Susan M. Seabury, Rachel S. Howland, Elizabeth A. Douglas S. Jane Cox, Saloma C. Wheeler, Susan Ann Gifford, Mary R. Jones, Etta S. Cates, Anna M. Hussey, Gulielma M. Purinton, Hannah J. Bailey and Hannah R. Wing.

A request having been received from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting that the Yearly Meeting give liberty to all its Quarterly Meetings to hold their sessions at such places within their limits as they deem best, without first applying to the Yearly Meeting for its consent, we appoint the following-named Friends to unite with a similar Committee from the Men's Meeting, to give attention to the subject and report their judgment thereon at a future sitting, viz. :—Rebecca Anthony, Elizabeth S. Newton, Lydia C. Neal, Tacy P. Hawkes, Mary E. Gifford, Elizabeth C. Wing, Lucy R. Goddard, Esther Jones, Abigail Wheeler, Phebe A. Marble, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Etta S. Cates, Hannah W. Meader, Gulielma M. Purinton, Sarah V. Winslow and Hepsie S. Hoxie.

We adjourn to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

(See Minutes of joint session, page 8.)

SEVENTH-DAY AFTERNOON, THE 14TH.—Met in separate session according to adjournment.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication received by this Yearly Meeting reported that it was suitable to claim our attention. It was accordingly read. The Meeting was introduced into deep feeling and interest in the cause of Foreign Mission work. Believing that the Lord has set before us an open door, we dare not take the responsibility of refusing to enter. The subject was therefore referred to the following-named Friends, and if way should open for it they were encouraged to arrange some plan of organization to be presented at a future sitting, viz. :—Phebe S. Aydelott, M. Carrie Beede, Susan Peckham, Alice W. Hawkes, Mary A. Chase, Mary Alice Gifford, Lucy T. Herbert, Harriet D. Collins, Hannah T. Pratt, Sarah D. Brown, Ellen C. Jones, Alice W. Maxfield, Alice R. Purinton, Anna Cranston, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Elizabeth S. H. Smith, Harriet N. Jones, Mary Kenyon, Sarah Shaw, Etta S. Cates, Mary Ann Hoxie, Hannah S. Wing, Anna M. Hussey, Mary E. Gifford, Electa Jane Collins, Elizabeth W. Swan, Cynthia B. Kirby, S. Jane Cox, Ellen Winslow, Susan Hoxie, Sarah C. Tobey, Hannah J. Bailey, Julia Buffinton, Myra E. Frye and Sarah V. Winslow.

The Meeting then entered upon the consideration of the state of our religious Society as presented by the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings and proceeded through the First.

Adjourned to meet on Second-day morning the 16th, at 10 o'clock.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, THE 16TH.—The Meeting again assembled according to adjournment.

The examination into the religious condition of Society was continued, and the remaining Queries and Answers were read and considered.

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANSWER 1. — All our Quarterly Meetings except Falmouth, report some Meetings omitted on account of inclement weather. Mid-week Meetings, and in some places business Meetings have been neglected by many. Those held on First-day have been generally well attended. Not wholly clear of unbecoming behavior.

ANS. 2. — Love and unity have not been as fully maintained as the prosperity of the Church requires. There has been a care to end differences when they have appeared.

ANS. 3. — Many Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and these endeavor to train up their children and those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4. — The Holy Scriptures are generally read individually, and with some exceptions, collectively in Friend's families, and they encourage their children and households in this duty. A Gospel ministry is maintained with few exceptions.

ANS. 5. — Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. They are generally careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, and to observe moderation in all things.

ANS. 6. — The several particulars of this Query have received the necessary attention.

ANS. 7. — We believe Friends are careful in the several requirements of this Query.

ANS. 8. — Friends are mostly clear in the several parts of this Query.

ANS. 9. — Not sufficiently careful in regard to recording. A few removals without certificates are reported.

ANS. 10. — The discipline is generally administered in Christian tenderness, and impartially. One Meeting says, not as timely as is desirable.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

In reviewing the condition of the Society as brought before us by the Answers to the Queries, we have been exhorted to remember our accountability to our Father in Heaven. "No man can serve two masters," if we were living wholly to God, entirely surrendered to His will, we should gladly embrace the opportunity of meeting together to commune with Him. "I, being in the way, the Lord led me" was the language of one of old, and if we put ourselves in the way of blessing,—if we come expecting to meet Him we shall find His promise fulfilled. "I will be as the dew unto Israel."

Various testimonies were borne to the preciousness of our mid-week meetings. They may often be small, but the promise of the refreshing of the Lord's presence is to the two or three gathered in His name. Difficulties may arise to prevent our assembling with our friends, and discouragements may abound because the gatherings are small and apparently lacking in life and power.

We were exhorted to remember, however, that some of the responsibility of the non-attendance of meetings devolves upon those who attend. There may be a lack of individual faithfulness which brings a bondage over the meeting and prevents the Spirit from having free course. The requisitions made by our Heavenly Father may seem very small to us, but there must be an intimate union between the vine and the branches, and nothing can be trifling which interrupts this. On the other hand with the blessing accompanying the faithful performance of duty, the seemingly weak and insignificant acts are productive of great results.

The believers in Christ Jesus are called to be priests unto Him. Let us offer sacrifices of thanksgiving in our meetings, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks unto His name. All may not be called to preach the gospel but all are called to testify whether we are on the Lord's side, or the side of Baal. If the gospel is indeed glad tidings to us, let us invite others to the same feast, realizing that there is enough and to spare for all. We were exhorted to remember that every one of the Lord's children has something to do for Him. When the water was turned into wine the servants had first to fill the water-pots with water. So we must study the Scriptures with prayer that the Holy Spirit may open their truths to us. Then with the treasury filled with things new and old, we can, at the Lord's command, pour out the water praying Him to turn it into the wine of the kingdom. God pours from full vessels and if we would help others we must first be taught ourselves; we must be thoroughly furnished unto all good works. We were reminded that the whole Gospel is founded upon love, and we are not only to love our Creator supremely, but to love our neighbor as ourselves. We need to have charity one for another that charity which thinketh no evil. We know not the circumstances which prompt the actions of those around us: we cannot judge their motives, but we can earnestly pray for them and for ourselves, that guided and directed by the same spirit, we may work for our Lord. May we resolve never to say a discouraging word as to the work, or a disparaging remark about the workers, remembering that,

"God has many ministries to compass,
Many messages to send,
And His instruments are fitted
Each for his appointed end."

Sympathy was expressed for mothers in the pressure of the cares resting upon them, and they were encouraged to bring their children in prayer to our covenant God. He knows all the needs and promises to supply them.

If the children are early taught the Saviour's love, if the Bible truths are inculcated in very early life, these may prove a protection and a safeguard as they grow older.

Assemble the family together for Scripture reading and prayer, before the days come when the home nest is deserted, and the children scattered for their life work. Let them go forth with their mother's prayers and a panoply of Divine truth upon their hearts as a shield from the darts of the enemy.

As the various subjects presented by the Queries passed in review before us, we have remembered the high standard of Christian morality embraced in them. The earnest desire was expressed that we might make an individual application of them, and each one of us being faithful to God, and submissive to His requirings, we may grow up together in our Holy Head, united to Him and strengthened by Him for all his service.

The Table of Statistics has been read in this Meeting. (See p. 18.) As in former years, we notice a reduction in the whole number of our members.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on the Mosher Fund, appointed to disburse the income arising therefrom have presented the following Report, viz.: — (See p. 18,) which is satisfactory to the Meeting and we appoint a Committee to present the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to carry on the work for the ensuing year.

A Summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting were laid before this Meeting and read, viz. :—(See p. 20.)

The Records of the Representative Meeting have been read, and the proceedings of that Meeting approved by this Meeting.

The Committee on the subject of Peace have presented their Annual Report, viz. :—(See p. 21.) The Meeting appreciating the importance of the subject, unite in the re-appointment of the same Committee with the addition of John Metcalfe, to continue the service another year.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. (See p. 22.)

FOURTH-DAY AFTERNOON, THE 18TH.—Met according to adjournment.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the formation of a Women's Foreign Mission Society have presented to the Meeting the following Report, and the form of a Constitution to govern the Society, viz. :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Your Committee appointed to consider and arrange a plan of organization for a Women's Foreign Mission Society, have attended to the appointment and are united in recommending that such a Society be organized with the following articles for a Constitution, viz. :—

ARTICLE 1. — *Name.* This organization shall be called "The Foreign Mission Society of New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends."

ART. 2. — *Object.* The object of this Society shall be to promote the knowledge of the Gospel among heathen women and children, and to assist in their Christian education.

ART. 3. — *Organization.* The officers of this Society shall be appointed annually by the Yearly Meeting, and shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

ART. 4. — The Yearly Meeting shall annually appoint a Vice President to represent each Quarterly Meeting of Friends in New England, whose duties shall be to organize auxiliary Societies in each Monthly Meeting, and to forward proper reports from them to the Yearly Meeting Society at its annual Meeting.

These Vice Presidents, together with the officers named in Article 3, shall constitute an Executive Board.

ART. 5. — *Meetings.* This Society shall hold its annual Meeting at the place, and during the time that New England Yearly Meeting is held.

The President, with consent of two members of the Executive Board, shall call a meeting of the Board whenever in their judgment the interests of the Society require it.

ART. 6. — *Amendments.* Amendments to the Constitution may only be made by the Executive Board at their annual Meeting.

We would recommend that a nominating Committee consisting of one person from each Quarterly Meeting be appointed to consider and present names of earnest and efficient Friends for an Executive Board; all of which we respectfully submit for your consideration.

On behalf of the Committee,

HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Secretary.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 18th, 1884.

We appoint Harriet D. Collins, Elizabeth W. Swan, Elizabeth A. Taylor, Esther Jones, Hannah Sprague, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Alice R. Purinton and Zilpha J. Foss, to nominate some Friends to constitute an Executive Board the ensuing year. The Committee were requested to withdraw, and, returning, they presented the following names, viz. :—*For President*, Ruth S. Murray; *Vice Presidents*, Phebe S. Aydelott and Huldah H. Leighton; *Corresponding Secretary*, Margaret C. Kimber; *Recording Secretary*, Mary Dame; *Treasurer*, Hannah J. Bailey; *Quarterly Meeting Vice Presidents*, S. Caroline Tobey, Hannah S. Wing, Esther Osborne, Mary Almy Chase, Myra E. Frye, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Anna M. Hussey and Harriet N. Jones. These were accepted by the Meeting and were accordingly appointed to this interesting service for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Mission Work in North Carolina and other States in the South, presented a Report which has been read and is acceptable to the Meeting, viz. :—(See p. 48.) The information that the Schools are becoming self-supporting was satisfactory and we rejoice that the devoted workers are receiving a reward in seeing the fruits of their labors. The request for an appropriation was referred to the Committee on Finance.

We unite with Men Friends in the re-appointment of the same Committee with the exception of Rachel S. Howland, released at her own request, and the addition of Elizabeth C. Murray, and desire their encouragement in the work.

The Committee set apart for that purpose propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on the Western Indians, viz. :—(See p. 50.) We unite with Men Friends in their appointment to this service.

The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on Bible Schools propose the following-named Friends, viz. :—(See p. 51.) The Report is approved, and the Friends proposed are appointed to that service.

The Joint Committee to whom was referred the subject of Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro, Maine, presented a Report, viz. :—(See p. 51), which is accepted by this and the Men's Meeting, and we unite with Men Friends in appointing a Nominating Committee, who are requested to present the names of Friends to have charge of Oak Grove Seminary the ensuing year.

The Joint Committee to consider the request from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting have presented a Report, viz. :—(See p. 47,) which has been accepted in concurrence with Men Friends, and it is decided that no change be made at present in the places of holding the Quarterly Meetings without first consulting the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel Service have presented a request for an appropriation of three hundred dollars, which is referred to the Committee on Finance.

An essay of an Epistle addressed to our dear sisters of Ohio Yearly Meeting was read.

We unite with the Men's Meeting in adding the name of Robert P. Gifford to the Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

FIFTH-DAY AFTERNOON THE 19TH.—Met according to adjournment.

The Representatives being called, thirty-three were absent—some having left the Island and others being detained on account of sickness.

The Joint Committee appointed to present the names of Friends to have charge of Oak Grove Seminary the ensuing year, also to nominate a Treasurer thereof, have made nominations, viz.:—(See p. 53.) We unite with Men Friends in their appointment.

Essays of Epistles to our dear sisters of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada, and Kansas Yearly Meetings; also, one to Ohio read at a previous sitting, and a joint Epistle to the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Brumana, Syria, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is authorized to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The report of the Committee on Finance, has been received from the Men's Meeting and read. The several recommendations made by the Committee have been approved in concurrence.

The Clerk is authorized to procure the printing of the Minutes of this Meeting, (omitting the Reports of Joint Committees, and the Minutes of the proceedings in joint session,) also the Epistles received from our sisters of other Yearly Meetings, for circulation among our members.

We unite with the judgment of the Representatives and with Men Friends in concluding to meet in Portland next year.

The Committee appointed to prepare returning Minutes for ministers and others in attendance of this Meeting with certificates, have presented the following for our dear friend Deborah C. Thomas, "Deborah C. Thomas attended this Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us." Similar Minutes are also prepared for our Friends Mary W. Thomas, Mary S. Elliott, John Henry Douglas, Francis Lupton, Noah C. McLean, John P. Pennington, Micajah M. Binford, Daniel B. Johnson, Zaccheus H. Powell, Mary H. Rogers, Sarah W. Congdon, David J. Douglas, James M. Haviland and Luke Woodard. The Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf.

The Clerk is further authorized to sign the following Minute for our friend Martha J. Sands. "Our friend Martha J. Sands attended this Meeting. Her company is acceptable to us." Similar ones are also prepared for Miriam C. Douglas, Phebe E. Johnson, Mary F. Powell, Elvira T. Woodard, Mary E. Haviland, and Aquila Pickering and wife.

A loving letter has been presented addressed to the children of this Yearly Meeting. The Clerk is authorized to sign it, (and having the concurrence of the Men's Meeting,) to procure the printing of thirty-five hundred copies in suitable form for distribution, and to call upon the Treasurer for the expense incurred.

We would in this closing hour commemorate the loving kindness of our Lord, in enabling us to transact the business which has come before us in much harmony and love. We desire that the various avenues of usefulness opening before us, may be entered in His love and fear, remembering that when the Great Shepherd putteth forth His sheep, He goeth before them, making a way, where there is none.

During the various sessions of this Yearly Meeting we have been graciously fed by our Lord. There has seemed to be, as of old, some handfuls let fall on purpose for His children, and with grateful acknowledgement of His continued remembrance of us, we separate, proposing to meet again at Portland, Maine, the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

ANNA G. WOOD, *Clerk.*

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MINUTES

OF THE

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

FOR NEW ENGLAND.

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MINUTES OF THE MEN'S MEETING.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Me., commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 12th, 1885.

2. By the Reports received from our Several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:—

FROM RHODE ISLAND — Thomas B. Buffum, Joseph E. Macomber, Joseph S. Anthony, Benjamin F. Knowles, Anthony M. Kimber, William H. Perry, Henry C. Aydelott, Augustine Jones, Charles A. Chace, Charles D. Kenyon, Samuel R. Buffinton, Robert P. Gifford and James R. Collins.

FROM SALEM — Robert L. Brown, Owen Dame, Joseph Cartland, William O. Newhall, Olney T. Meader, Joshua Buxton, Daniel C. Maxfield, Charles H. Jones, Charles E. Peasley, Peter M. Neal, John F. Chase and Thomas Folsom.

FROM SANDWICH — George Howland, Jr., Joshua L. Macomber, Thomas F. Hatford, Stephen R. Wing, David Kelley, William P. Davis, N. Hervey Wilbur, Gideon Wood, William Thompson, Edward G. Dillingham and Gideon Gifford.

FROM FALMOUTH — Reuben T. Jones, Augustus F. Cox, John J. Frye, Augustus C. Jones, Nathan Pope, George Douglas, Elijah Cook, Silas H. Cartland, Sumner G. Williams, Freeman Andrews, Charles W. Webber and Henry F. Newell.

FROM SMITHFIELD — Richard Battey, Paul A. Randall, Thomas Grover, William Aldrich, Herbert O. Aldrich and Isaac Steere.

FROM VASSALBORO — Alfred H. Jones, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Josiah Philbrook, Hartwell A. Jenkins, Jedediah J. Varney, Frank E. Jones, Ebenezer Frye, William A. Jones and Caleb Jones.

FROM DOVER — William P. Jenkins, Albert C. Buffum, Asa C. Tuttle, George Estes, Russell Hoag and William P. Tuttle.

FROM FAIRFIELD — Charles M. Jones, Nathaniel Hawkes, George Richardson, Moses Briggs, Henry Winslow, Levi Jones and Isaac Winslow,

whose names being called, they were all present except ten, for the absence of four of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends Stephen Taber and Cornelius D. Barnes, from New York Yearly Meeting; Jehu and Sarah W. Newlin, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting; Jeremiah S. Cox and Levi Cox from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Seth C. and Huldah A. Rees, Caroline E. Talbot and Phebe Hoyle, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Ann Gause and Susan Ratliff, from Indiana Yearly Meeting; Addison White and Evi Sharpless, from Iowa Yearly Meeting; Catherine Hoag, from Canada Yearly Meeting; and Frank Modoc, from Kansas Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

4. We have also the acceptable company of Mary Ann Potter, an Elder, and companion to Caroline E. Talbot; Ann Hobson, an Elder, and companion to Phebe Hoyle; Eliza H. White, companion to her husband Addison White; and Eliza J. Lindley and Abby G. Mendenhall, Elders from Minneapolis, Minnesota, all of whom have presented credentials of unity from their friends at home.

5. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Yearly Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning Minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following named Friends, viz.:— Charles C. Varney, George Howland, Jr., Olney T. Meader and Owen Dame.

6. Epistles have been received at this time from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond; also one from Brumana Monthly Meeting, Mount Lebanon. Those from London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore and North Carolina have been read at this time. The reading of the others is deferred to a future sitting, and we appoint a Committee to nominate a Committee on Correspondence, and report at a future sitting.

7. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid, or

directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportion of stock called for last year.

8. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz. :—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that Cynthia Bowen, a Minister, and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, died Tenth Month 13th, 1884, aged sixty-nine years. William Sherman, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 16th, 1885, aged eighty-three years, two months and eleven days. That it has united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in changing the place of holding that Monthly Meeting from Western in the First, Second, Third and Tenth Months to Hopkinton ; and that one Friend has been added as a member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Anna W. Paige to the station of Elder. Mercy S. Davis, a Minister, and member of Amesbury Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 12th, 1884, aged sixty-one years, two months and six days. Josiah D. Challis, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 22d, 1885, aged eighty-two years, two months and three days. That their Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight as revised is now composed of twenty-seven members, besides Ministers and Elders ; and that the time of holding Boston Monthly Meeting in the Sixth Month has been changed to Fourth-day previous to the first Fifth-day in the month.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Arnold G. Tripp, Susan S. Tripp and Azuba Cannon, to the station of Elder. Ruth H. Baker, a Minister, and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died Fifth Month 25th, 1884, aged eighty-five years and ten months. Meltiah Gifford, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, deceased Ninth Month 17th, 1884, aged forty-one years, two months and eleven days. Matthew Howland, an Elder, and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, died Ninth Month 29th, 1884, aged seventy years, one month and seventeen days.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Augustus F.

Cox and S. Jane Cox to the station of Elder, and with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Sumner G. Williams and Charles F. Andrews. Stillman Estes, an Elder, and member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 28th, 1885, aged seventy-two years, four months and fifteen days; also that ten Friends have been appointed as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Ruth M. Battey, an Elder, and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died Twelfth Month 4th, 1884, aged eighty-two years, ten months, and twenty-eight days. Dorcas Daniels, an Elder, and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 10th, 1884, aged sixty-nine years, ten months and seventeen days. Jonathan F. Southwick, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 12th, 1885, aged eighty-five years, eight months and two days; and that they have appointed ten Friends as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has added two Friends as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Emeline H. Tuttle; and that they have added two Friends as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Asa C. Tuttle, a Minister, has been received into Dover Monthly Meeting, by certificate from Kansas Yearly Meeting; and that Hepsyba H. Hoag, a Minister, and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, has removed into the limits of Kansas Yearly Meeting. Enoch Hoag, a Minister, and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 26th, 1884, aged seventy-three years. Lucinda Pinkham, a Minister, and member of Berwick Monthly Meeting, died Seventh Month 14th, 1884, aged sixty-four years, one month and twenty-seven days. Jesse Roberts, an Elder, and member of Dover Monthly Meeting, died Seventh Month 27th, 1884, aged eighty-two years, two months and fourteen days; and Hannah G. Sawyer, a Minister, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 4th, 1885, aged eighty years, nine months and seventeen days.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Obed Allen, Asa

Shepherd and Sarah E. Shepherd to the station of Elder; and that they have revised their list of members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and appointed nineteen Friends as members of that Meeting.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. — Met pursuant to adjournment.

9. The Clerk informed the Meeting that we had with us a delegate from the General Conference of the Congregational Churches of Maine, presenting suitable credentials, which were read. Henry C. Westwood, the delegate, then in an earnest address stated that he brought the greeting of the twenty thousand Congregationalists in Maine to their brothers and sisters of the Society of Friends. It was a pleasant duty to him, as the most precious of his early reminiscences were connected with the Friends and the old meeting house to which he was led by his mother. He could remember one sermon, which he heard when very young, on the words, "Master, where dwellest thou?" "Come and see." Since that time, he has been favored to come and see where the Master dwelt, and found Him to be an all-sufficient Saviour. His perfect sacrifice avails for all who will accept Him. His precious blood cleanseth from all sin, and, united in Him, all evangelical Christians naturally draw together as one is their Master, their Hope, their All. He informed the Meeting that a Conference was to be held at Lewiston next week, to which he was commissioned to invite Friends to send delegates.

The remarks of our brother met with a loving response in our hearts, and fervent prayers were offered for the members of his Church, as of our own, that, united in Christ, we may be earnest in His service in our respective fields of labor. The Meeting united in accepting the invitation to send delegates to the approaching Conference at Lewiston, and appointed a Committee to present at a future sitting the names of two Friends for that service.

ABOUT 4.30. — The Meeting again assembled in separate session.

10. George Howland, Jr., on behalf of the representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William O. Newhall for Clerk, and Timothy B. Hussey and Daniel C. Maxfield for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being severally approved, they are accordingly appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

11. The reading of the remaining Epistles was now resumed and concluded.

12. We appoint Henry Winslow, Oliver Meader, Caleb Jones, Isaac Steere, Charles W. Goddard, David Kelley, John F. Chase and Robert P. Gifford, a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it at our next sitting.

13. We appoint Charles A. Chace, Owen Dame, Edward G. Dillingham, John J. Frye, Paul A. Randall, Josiah Philbrook, Jacob K. Purinton and Levi Jones, a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised, sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also one for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

14. Rhode Island and Falmouth Quarterly Meetings in their accounts, request this Meeting to define the discipline in relation to membership of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; we conclude to appoint a Committee to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends to whom the subject is referred, and they are directed to report at a future sitting, viz.: — Timothy B. Hussey, John B. Cartland, I. Warren Hawkes, George Richardson, Alfred H. Jones, Eli Jones, William Aldrich, Richard Battey, George Howland, Jr., William Thompson, William O. Newhall, Owen Dame, Augustine Jones, Benjamin F. Knowles, Ezra Hawkes and George Douglas.

15. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in its account calls "the attention of the Yearly Meeting to the fact that in the Report now scheduled a number of those reported are nominal members, and would ask for advice in regard to the maintenance of the names of such upon our lists," which this Meeting concludes to refer to the Committee previously appointed in reference to the requests from Rhode Island and Falmouth Quarterly Meetings.

16. Dover Quarterly Meeting requests that the time of holding that Meeting, now held in the Fourth Month, be changed to the

Seventh-day following the third Fifth-day in the Fifth Month, which this Meeting concludes to grant, and the change is accordingly made, Women Friends concurring, and the Clerk is directed to give that Meeting the necessary information.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

SEVENTH-DAY MORNING, THE 13TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

17. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence presented their Annual Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee in charge of the Boarding School present their Sixty-sixth Annual Report.

Although from a combination of circumstances, the whole number of scholars in attendance, especially in the latter part of the year, has been less than in some previous years, and of them a greater proportion than usual has been of the younger class, yet we feel that the character of the School has been maintained, and that good progress has been made.

An earnest religious feeling continues to be manifested in the boys' and girls' prayer meetings. In the former, a very satisfactory change is evidenced both by the testimony of the lip and of the life.

The health of the school has been remarkably good throughout the year. The average number of boarding pupils for the year has been 88 boys and 85 girls.

The following report from the Auditors presents the financial statement for the year ending Sixth Month 24th, 1884.

PROVIDENCE, *Eighth Month 27th, 1884.*

To the N. E. Y. M. Boarding School Committee: — The Auditors report the following as the result of the operations of the past year:

RECEIPTS.

From the Elizabeth Fry Fund	$1,500 00	
From the Philip J. Tripp Fund	89 15	
From board and tuition of all other scholars	38,822 75	
From study of languages, etc.	3,564 67	
From the Treasurer of the School Fund	5,853 84	
		$49,830 41

EXPENSES.

Salaries,	$20,832 83;	Wages	$5,982 29	$26,815 12
Provisions	12,323 12;	City Tax	2,665 10	14,988 22
Repairs	2,420 57;	Fuel	1,922 24	4,342 81
Light	1,189 78;	Water	393 74	1,583 52
Balance of Laundry				338 28
Other permanent improvements				284 89
Papers and periodicals				58 30
Library				115 63
Carpentering department				116 34
Interest				24 42
Incidentals				963 03
Net profit to the school				199 85
				$49,830 41

The total deficiency of the School is now $1349.72 against $1549.57 a year ago.

JOHN F. TUCKER,
JAMES O. INMAN,
SAM'L R. BUFFINTON,
J. H. CHACE,
} *Auditors.*

The officers of government and instruction have been

AUGUSTINE JONES, A.M., Principal and Political Science.
WALTER S. MEADER, A.M., Governor and English Studies.
SUSAN S. MOORE, Governess and English Studies.
BESSIE T. WING, History and Literature.
THOMAS J. BATTEY, A.B., Natural Science.
J. MYRON POTTER, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
MARY E. RAWSON, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
SOPHIA L. PITMAN, Drawing and Painting.
BENJAMIN W. WELLS, Ph.D., Modern Languages.
ALBERT A. STANLEY, Instrumental Music.
WILMOT R. JONES, A.B., Mental and Moral Science and English.
JEAN E. GUILBERT, French.
CHARLES G. FARWELL, A.M., Greek and Latin.
MARY E. WING,. English Studies.
MARY P. HELME, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
ALICE M. JONES, English Studies.
ALLEN W. WEEKS, Mechanic Arts.
LUCY R. WEAVER, M.D., Physiology.
GEORGE A. BARTON, A.B., Secretary and Book-keeper.
S. HELENA SUTTON, Librarian.

At the meeting of the Committee in Eighth Month the following minute was made: — "The question of admitting day scholars to the School having been introduced, the subject was freely discussed, and resulted in authorizing the Principal to admit such students as, in his discretion, he may judge suitable."

During the year 14 boys and 9 girls have been admitted as day scholars, and, as far as we have learned, the privilege has been appreciated, with good results to those who have been admitted and to the School.

By reference to the new catalogue, it will be seen that a change of the time of opening the School in Ninth Month, from the first Fourth-day to the second Fourth-day in the month has been established by direction of the Committee.

In Second Month the Committee on Sale of Land reported that they had made sale of a house and lot of land to the occupant, for whom it was built, at a satisfactory price; the Committee was directed to place the net proceeds of the sale in the hands of the Treasurer of the School Fund, to be held by him, subject to the order of the Building Committee, which Committee is authorized to build additional houses, whenever in their discretion it is expedient to do so.

In Eighth Month we were informed by our Principal that he had received from an esteemed friend of the School the sum of $500, with which to secure a bust of Elizabeth Fry, of the same quality as that of John Bright, and that further sums would come later to complete the work.

At our meeting Third Month 3d, we were further informed that a pedestal of beautiful Tennessee marble, upon which to place the bust, had already arrived. It was confidently expected that the whole would have been complete by this time, the pedestal and bust occupying the corner of Alumni Hall opposite that of John Bright; but although, as we understand, finished, the bust has been detained in London, and is not expected to reach us until some time in Eighth Month next. By the time of the opening of the School in Ninth Month it will undoubtedly be arranged, and the unveiling made an occasion of much interest to all concerned.

In fulfilment of the intimation in last year's report, the School has, by a munificent gift from an honored member of the Committee, been made the recipient of an almost full length portrait of our beloved friend, John G. Whittier; at our meeting in the Eleventh Month the following minute, relating thereto, was entered upon our records:

"The great historic event referred to in the communication from the Principal, that of placing in Alumni Hall, by Charles F. Coffin, an almost full length portrait of John G. Whittier, was one of much interest and gratification, as was evinced by the large gathering convened in the Hall in the forenoon of the day of its presentation (Tenth Month 24th) to listen to the fitting and eloquent address of Thomas Chase, LL.D., President of Haverford College, and again in the afternoon to hear the address of Augustine Jones, A.M., Principal of the School, on its reception, and also to the remarks of many of the friends of the Poet, and of the School; and further, to hear read many letters from friends who were unable to attend.

We cordially tender to our friend and associate Charles F. Coffin, our high appreciation of, and our sincere thanks for, his rich gift to the School of this admirable portrait of our universally beloved and honored friend."

It hangs in Alumni Hall, between the busts of John Bright and of Elizabeth Fry (as proposed), where, in the words of a distinguished son of Massachusetts (in his grateful acknowledgement of the kind invitation to be present, but regretting his inability to meet with the other invited guests on the interesting occasion), "it will have a companionship as enviable as it will be appropriate. Eloquence, poetry and philanthropy will form an inspiring group for your scholars to have before their eyes and may lead them to emulate what they admire."

We propose that the rates for admission to the School the coming year be the same as for the last year, viz:

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$150 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting	250 00
For all others who may be admitted	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge to be made, for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, or German, ten dollars; for one year's instruction in Pencil Drawing, fifteen dollars: for one year's instruction in Mechanical and Crayon Drawing and Painting, thirty dollars.

With hearts overflowing with gratitude to our Father in Heaven for the many mercies vouchsafed, we again commend the Institution, with all its interests, to His paternal regard, and to your fostering care.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, JUN., *Clerk.*

BOARDING SCHOOL, PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sixth Month 2d, 1885.

NOTE.—The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 9th, 1885, and closes Second Month 3d, 1886. The Spring Term begins Second Month 3d, 1886, and closes Sixth Month 29th, 1886.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 4th of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address AUGUSTINE JONES, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

This Report was accepted by the Meeting, and satisfaction expressed with it. We hope that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon the officers and others connected with the Institution, and that it may prove in future years, as in the past, a means of increasing the weight and educational power of the Society of Friends. We appoint a Nominating Committee to produce, at a future sitting, the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to have charge of the School the ensuing year.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. — The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

18. The Committee appointed to nominate delegates to the approaching Conference of Congregational Churches in Maine reported the names of Charles H. Jones and Phebe S. Aydelott for that service, which are approved by the Meeting.

19. The Committee on Education have presented their Annual Report, as follows, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee to whom was intrusted this important concern of the Church present the following Report:

We have attended to our appointment, but our work has been mostly of a private nature, no suitable opportunity for a public conference having been presented during the past year.

We believe that a growing sentiment in favor of a liberal education exists among us as a Society. While we recognize this fact with gladness, it is cause of regret that so many of our members look upon education as an end, rather than as a means to an end. Education of itself, without moral and religious principle to control it, may be a curse instead of a blessing to its possessor and to the world. Hence the importance of early impressing upon our children the value of an education, not for itself alone, still less that they thereby may more easily obtain a respectable living, but as a means of enabling them more perfectly to accomplish the grand design of the Creator — to glorify Him in body and spirit which are His.

It is important, also, that parents in placing their children in schools, should make every effort, even though it involve extra sacrifice and expense, to place them where this same truth shall be made prominent, and, when practicable, where such influences surround them, as shall be helpful to them in obtaining a correct knowledge and understanding of our distinctive principles and doctrines.

We wish to encourage our members, who as Prudential or Superintending School Committees, have authority or influence in the employment of teachers, to employ if possible only such as give evidence of positive religious experience, and in schools attended by Friends' children, to provide converted members of our own Society.

Perhaps no other church organization in proportion to its numbers, has so many of its members engaged in teaching, as our own. Most of these teachers are very successful, and enjoy the fullest confidence of the communities where they are located.

This is very gratifying, but we feel that we have not sufficiently realized the opportunity thus afforded us, of making ourselves felt for good, to this and succeeding generations. We invite the attention of our teachers to this subject, encouraging them to faithfulness in sowing the seed of the kingdom in the hearts of the young.

In these days of lawlessness and manifest chafing under wholesome restraint, we are reminded of the old Prussian maxim, "Whatever you would have appear in a nation's life must be put into that nation's schools." "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." It is through the preaching of the gospel by the Church, that the world is to be lifted into a higher and purer atmosphere. We believe there is no way that this preaching can be made more effective than through Christian teachers in our schools. Many of the Histories and Readers now in use present War in an attractive form. Members of our Society thus have an opportunity presented to them of advocating our own views; an opportunity which we hope they will ever be ready to embrace.

Both of our Yearly Meeting Schools seem to be in a prosperous condition for which we are truly thankful. As reports from each will be presented by their respective committees, it seems unnecessary for us to enlarge here. We trust the Yearly Meeting will continue its interest in education, and we would propose that an appropriation of One Hundred Dollars be made to enable a future Committee to hold some public meetings or conferences upon the subject, if in their judgment it should be deemed advisable.

On behalf of the Committee,

CHAS. H. JONES,
AUGUSTINE JONES,
ELI JONES,
ANNA FRY HALL,
R. H. NICHOLS.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and the same Committee continued for service another year.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Augustine Jones,
Caroline Jones, of Deering, Me.,
Anna F. Hall,
Charles H. Jones,
Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Eli Jones,
Myra E. Frye,
John Ellwood Paige,
Phebe W. Sawtelle,
Ruth S. Murray,
Gertrude W. Cartland.

20. Our friend, Eli Jones, brought before the Meeting a proposition for the formation of a Yearly Meeting Library. We conclude to refer the subject to the Committee on Education, to which the names of Ruth S. Murray and Gertrude W. Cartland are added.

21. The Report of the Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel service was now presented and read as follows, viz.:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MEETINGS AND OTHER GOSPEL SERVICE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The responsible charge entrusted to our care one year ago, we now surrender to the Yearly Meeting, and as far as possible, will give a report of what has been accomplished in the thirteenth year of this branch of service. The history of the inner spiritual life of the Church can never be fully made known, involving as it does such possibilities of grace; on one hand heart-yearnings, the unfoldings of a new life in Christ Jesus, and entering into an experience of perfect love; on the other hand, resisting the Spirit and closing the heart to the gentle influences of the Gospel. Those who have felt the Divine touch which has brought healing to their souls and are now rejoicing in a state of acceptance with Our Father, must be witnesses to the value of the work which has been done, and also to the fact that the Lord is still willing to bless His people by means of humble instrumentalities.

In selecting and collating facts and figures from the letters and reports received during the year from the different laborers in the field of Gospel service we can but exclaim, "Thou has not withholden the request of our lips." "Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord; who can show forth all His praise."

We compile the following from the Reports of District Superintendents:

First District. — Charles M. Jones, Superintendent, reports: Number of meetings for worship in the district, 16; number of meetings visited, 8; series of meetings, 6, held at Brooks, Fairfield, Sidney, China, Winthrop, and Readfield; number of meetings composing the series, 169; Bible readings, 2; number of families visited, 95; professed conversions, 96; professed renewals, 30; other meetings visited without continuous service, 40. At Brooks, Me., such interest was awakened that the members are building a new meeting-house and the meeting is being built up in numbers and in the truth. At Readfield, the outlook at the beginning of the year was very discouraging; the whole place appeared to be spiritually dead. Meetings were held for several weeks by some members of the Committee, assisted a part of the time by a Minister from another Yearly Meeting, and the result has been over 50 conversions, 4 of whom had reached advanced age; 20 backsliders were reclaimed, and 30 have made application for membership. A regular meeting for worship has been established and the work bids fair to broaden and deepen. At Oak Grove Seminary, which is under the direct care of one of this Committee, the work of the Lord has prospered in a signal manner, which will appear more in detail in the report of that School. There has been quite an amount of work done that does not appear in the Report but I trust is bearing fruit. I know God is speaking in the Eastern district and may the work spread all over the Yearly Meeting.

SECOND DISTRICT. — Timothy B. Hussey, Superintendent, reports: Number of meetings for worship in the district, 15; number of meetings visited, 5; series of meetings, 1, held at North Sandwich, N. H. Meetings composing the series, 31; Bible readings, 8; families visited, 42; professed conversions, 13; other meetings held without continuous service, 18. I feel that we have done so little in this district that we ought most truly to be reckoned in this particular as unprofitable servants. It has seemed almost among the impossibilities to obtain much help outside of our own feeble efforts, yet in some meetings there is much to encourage us and the power of the Lord has been felt in a marked manner.

THIRD DISTRICT. — William Jacob, Superintendent, reports: Number of meetings for worship in the district, 20; meetings visited, 17; number of series of meetings, 5, held at Pittsfield and Henniker in New Hampshire, Lynn and Bolton in Massachusetts and Woonsocket, Rhode Island; meetings composing the series, 93; Bible readings, 7; families visited, 105; professed conversions, 4; other meetings held without continuous service, 66. A hopeful field of labor seems to be opening at Lawrence, Mass., where a meeting has been established and regularly held for some months past as the result of the faithfulness of one Friend. The meeting now numbers about 12 or 14 members, the attendance on First-days is from 40 to 60, and the future will reveal a preparative meeting there if they are encouraged and continue steadfast. One of the Committee spent some time in active service among them. I regret that more work is not apparent in the Report of this district, but still much has been accomplished which will only be revealed "when He cometh to make up His jewels."

FOURTH DISTRICT. — Henry C. Aydelott, Superintendent reports: Number of meetings for worship in the district, 24; meetings visited, 14; series of meetings, 7, held at East Greenwich and Newport in Rhode Island, Long Plain, Swansea 2, and Allen's Neck 2, in Massachusetts; meetings composing the series, 75; Bible readings, 7; Children's meetings, 1; families visited, 178; professed conversions, 14; professed renewals, 28; other meetings held without continuous service, 25. The phase of Gospel work in this section of New England, presents encouraging features in extended opportunities for labor, the demand reaching beyond our resources. Our failures have deepened the conviction that we are but learners. Each step has shown the secret of power to rest in the

Holy Ghost, conferred only as we dwell humbly at the feet of Jesus. The results of the past year, more marked and definite as they have been, serve to confirm our faith in prayer, and convince us that the weak point in our Christian warfare has been a lack of faith in the Holy Ghost for service, and that the future holds for us a glorious victory when we confess and zealously conform to the acknowledgement that "it is infinitely less the outward administration of method that needs conserving among us than the inward adminstration of the Holy Spirit. That was the special and distinguishing glory of the Apostolic Church, and just in this is our distinguishing point of poverty."

The work is summarized as follows:

No. of meetings for worship in the Yearly Meeting	75
meetings where labor has been bestowed	44
series of meetings	19
meetings composing the series	368
Bible readings	24
children's meetings	1
families visited	410
professed conversions	127
professed renewals	54
meetings held without continuous service	149

Three series of meeting have been conducted by Ministers from other Yearly Meetings, in which more than 50 professed conversions have been reported.

While the record shows less done in some of the lines of service than last year, there are indications that it has been of a more permanent character. Personal hand to hand work has broken up the fallow ground and prepared the soil to receive the good seed which is now springing up in many hearts to the praise of the Divine Husbandman. Thus the Church in many localities has been confirmed in the promises of God, and is "building the old wastes and raising up the former desolations," yet there still are evidences of disease, which if not healed will lead to spiritual decay, and woe be to the servant of the Lord who would "heal the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying Peace, Peace, when there is no peace." We recognize a great need in the Church of more definite Scriptural teaching of the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel. There is a dearth in the Ministry, and we feel that the young should be encouraged to devoutly cherish every call of the Holy Spirit to that line of service.

Lest the large amount of work done in this and previous years in proportion to the sum of money expended, should in some minds diminish a sense of responsibility in the contribution of funds, we call attention to the remarks of the superintendent of the second district referring to the difficulty of securing laborers from abroad; and also to the fact that hitherto the Committee has not felt at liberty to do more than defray the travelling expenses of its workers. To most or all of these, time is valuable, home and family cares pressing, and we leave the question with you, whether with our previous record for liberality, all has been done that liberty in the truth requires. And now laying both our commission and our work down at your feet, we trust our watchword shall ever be: "Loyalty to Christ which gives life; loyalty to the Gospel which ensures orthodoxy; loyalty to the Holy Ghost by which we receive power; and loyalty to all mankind, which makes us useful."

ELI JONES, *Chairman*,
P. S. AYDELOTT, *Secretary*.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 12th, 1885.

While we recognize the fact that the fields are white unto harvest, and the laborers are few, we are encouraged by the results of the faithful work which has been done during the past year. We conclude to appoint a Nominating Committee to produce at a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to whom this service may be confided, and trust that, in the coming year, larger and more blessed results will follow from their labors. The Meeting entered into a voluntary contribution, and the sum of a little over $800 was raised and placed in the hands of the Committee.

Adjourned to meet on Second-day Morning, the 15th, at 10 o'clock, in separate sessions.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, THE 15TH.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

22. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on Correspondence have reported the following, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, viz.:—Alfred H. Jones, George Howland, Jr., Thomas Wood, Charles H. Jones, Benjamin F. Knowles, Gideon Wood, Charles W. Goddard, Olney T. Meader, Frank E. Jones, Richard Davis, Jr., Charles E. Peasley, Timothy B. Hussey, I. Warren Hawkes, Samuel Buffum, Charles C. Varney, Charles F. Andrews, Robert P. Gifford, Charles M. Jones, Levi E. Jones and Anthony M. Kimber.

23. The Committee to disburse the income arising from the Mosher Fund presented their Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the same Committee is continued for this service another year. The Report is as follows, viz.:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We subscribed for 108 copies of *Friends' Review*, which have been distributed amongst our members where it was considered they would prove helpful. We have also purchased and distributed 300 copies of "Memoirs of Eliza P. Gurney," and 200 copies (second edition) "Memories of Stanley Pumphrey;" also 300 pamphlets by Thos. Kimber, "Review of Two Essays by Wm. Blackley, M. A.: Water Baptism and the Outward Ordinances, No Institution of Christ."

For the Committee,

WILLIAM THOMPSON,
REBECCA H. SMILEY.

Sixth Month, 1885.

COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF THE MOSHER FUND.

William Thompson,	Rebecca H. Smiley,
Alfred H. Jones,	Ruth S. Murray,
John Elwood Paige,	Esther Jones.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Amount on hand as per last year's Report	$224 94	
Received from C. F. Coffin, for Trustees	480 00	
Interest on Savings Bank Deposit to First Month 1st, 1885	6 96	
		$711 90

EXPENDITURES.

300 copies Blackley's Essays	$ 15 00	
1 year's subscription to Friend's Review, 106 copies	159 50	
2 years' subscription, 1 copy, to J. Hishmeh	5 00	
300 copies Memoirs of E. P. Gurney	285 00	
200 copies Memories of S. Pumphrey	112 75	
3 sample copies Gathered Fragments	3 75	
6 sample copies Inner Life of Commonwealth	15 37	
Paid Members of Committee for expense in forwarding books, etc.	26 02	
	622 39	
Balance remaining in Treasurer's hands	89 51	
		$711 90

J. E. PAIGE, *Treasurer.*

Lynn, Sixth Month 10th, 1885.

24. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOSHER FUND.

INCOME FOR PAST YEAR.

From Boston City Bond	$500 00	
From New Bedford Institution for Savings	33 34	
From Lynn Institution for Savings	71 38	
		$604 72

PAYMENTS FOR PAST YEAR.

To J. Ellwood Paige, Treasurer	$480 00	
To increase of capital	124 72	
		$604 72

INVESTMENT OF THE MOSHER FUND.

City of Boston Registered 5% Bond	$10,000 00
New Bedford Institution for Savings	766 38
Lynn Institution for Savings	1,863 61
	$12,629 99

For the Trustees,

C. F. COFFIN, *Trustee.*

LYNN, Sixth Month 4th, 1885.

25. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries. The Answers are as follows, viz. :—

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANSWER 1. — All our Quarterly Meetings report a few meetings omitted. First-day Meetings have been attended by the larger part of our members. Mid-week Meetings and those for discipline have been much neglected. With little exception the hour is observed, and unbecoming behavior avoided.

ANS. 2. — Love and unity nearly maintained. Detraction guarded against except by a few, and endeavors have been used to end differences when they appeared.

ANS. 3. — Nearly all Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation. Not sufficient care taken to train our children in accordance with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4. — With few exceptions Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures as queried after. Encouraging their children and others in this important duty. Not quite clear in our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry.

ANS. 5. — As far as we know, Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage except seventeen cases, and a few indefinitely reported from one Quarterly Meeting in which care has been taken. Generally careful to avoid amusements and diversions, and to observe moderation.

ANS. 6. — Careful in the several parts of this query.

ANS. 7. — Not quite clear as regards military matters and oaths. No case of defrauding the public revenue.

ANS. 8. — With little exception, Friends have been careful as queried after.

ANS. 9. — Clear as to records with one exception. A few removals without certificates. Some care has been taken.

ANS. 10. — Care has been taken to administer the Discipline in Christian tenderness, and impartially, though not always so timely as would be best.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

DURING the consideration of the State of Society, and at different stages of the meeting, much has been said in the way of wholesome counsel upon various topics. In our devotion to the principles which form our basis of Church government, we are to recognize the importance of teaching them to our children. We are not simply to present a theory, but to demonstrate in practical life that its application has done us good. A clear and healthy spiritual atmosphere in the home must receive its most effectual commendation in the fact that it is not only something fluently spoken of, but that which we are actually breathing, and in which we are living and moving. Each member of the family should be encouraged by an easy and familiar manner in seasons of devotion, to ask a question, kneel in prayer, or use the voice to the glory of God.

The advancement made in temperance encourages us to more vigilance in this important department of Church work, and we were cautioned to avoid the danger of presenting temptation to the young by keeping in, or about our homes, alcohol in cider or other forms.

We feel it needful, in view of the apparent indifference in respect to the principles of peace, to revive in the minds of parents and others a desire for a more thorough indoctrination of the minds of our children with the spirit of the gospel which opposes all war on the ground of the sacredness of human life.

Much prominence has been given to the essential baptism of the Holy Ghost as a preparation for service in the Church, making us mighty in the Scriptures, and conferring power to stand valiantly for the truth. We should so feed by faith upon Christ, the bread of life, that when we have experienced conversion to God, our existence may be felt in the constant expansion of our faculties, and a scriptural broadening of our views of the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel. We were exhorted to lend such help to those in the ministry as will set them at liberty to labor in the truth, and give assurance to all in the vineyard of the Lord, that there is not only freedom in the service, but a loving spirit of co-operation that will support the work when it is done.

26. The Statistical Account, received from our Quarterly Meetings, was now read and is as follows, viz. :—

STATISTICAL ACCOUNT.

	Number reported last year.	Error in last year's report, gain.	Error in last year's report, loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number.
Rhode Island . .	721	0	1	5	15	5	4	9	1	0	2	719
Salem	672	0	0	1	8	12	8	18	4	11	0	683
Sandwich . . .	687	0	0	0	19	0	5	15	3	0	12	675
Falmouth . . .	626	0	0	5	8	10	9	61	16	43	0	669
Smithfield . . .	391	0	1	2	10	1	0	3	1	0	6	385
Vassalboro . . .	467	0	0	0	6	2	1	20	2	13	0	480
Dover	296	0	0	0	6	4	7	1	3	0	11	285
Fairfield	466	6	0	2	9	4	5	14	4	8	0	474
Total . . .	4326	6	2	15	81	38	39	141	34	75	31	4370
Total gain . . .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	44	. .	. .

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. — Met pursuant to adjournment.

27. The Committee under appointment in reference to the few members of our Society residing in the British Provinces, made the following Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS OF THE BRITISH PROVINCES.

Your Committee have endeavored to rightly perform the duties of their appointment, and with the means at their service have rendered a little help much needed.

By kind visits of some of the Committee, united with affectionate correspondence, the mind of the visited has been comforted, and with the recipient of our care abides a cheerful Christian resignation united with an humble trust that the Good Master will provide.

Balance from last year	$14.17
Appropriation	25.00
	$39.17
Expended at different times	$58.87

We recommend extending the same care and an appropriation of $50.

For the Committee,

B. F. KNOWLES.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 15th, 1885.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting and the same Committee is continued for service another year.

COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS IN BRITISH PROVINCES.

Benjamin F. Knowles,
George Richardson,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Thomas B. Nichols,
Rachel B. Nichols.

28. The Committee on Mission Work in North Carolina and other States in the South have made their Report, which has been read, viz. :—

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA MISSION.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

We, your Committee on Educational and Mission work in North Carolina, have sustained a school of five months at Winthrop, in Iredell County, this being the eighth year that a school has been supported there under the auspices of your Committee. Until this year, it was taught by Fannie Caison, but last summer her health failed and she was unable to return to the mission field. We engaged Nancy J. Johnson, one of our former pupils, to take Fannie Caison's place. She proved to be a successful teacher in many respects, though lack of the patience and perseverance manifested by her predecessor, rendered her less efficient and successful, more perhaps for want of age and experience, than of desire and interest.

About mid-winter Fannie Caison's health became so much improved that we employed her to teach a school at Dobson, in Surry County, N. C., where one was very much needed. After teaching there two months and getting the people of that district encouraged to help themselves by their own efforts, she commenced teaching a school at White Plains in the same County. Here a number of poor Friends are living, who were very anxious but unable to educate their children. This school is in session at the present time. It will close this month which will complete a term of three months in that place.

Fannie Caison writes, "We have opened a meeting here which is well attended, and we have a large and interesting Bible School on First days. The people appreciate what is being done for them. They are all poor but are disposed to help themselves all they can."

In the three schools above mentioned, one hundred and thirteen scholars have been enrolled, about one-half of whom were children of Friends. The average attendance was nearly three-fourths of the number enrolled.

A quantity of clothing and other comforts were sent to the mission field last winter from New Bedford and vicinity, by the kind efforts of our friend Mary S. Wood. These were gratefully received and distributed among the most poor and needy ones. Twenty-four dollars in money was sent by Friends in Lynn and Salem, through the kindness of our friend Tacie P. Hawkes, Jr., which was all expended for maps, books and other helps to the teachers. Five dollars' worth of spelling books were also sent from the same source. All of these were very much appreciated by the recipients.

Since 1877, when New England Yearly Meeting first assumed this work of educating and elevating the poor white people in this part of North Carolina and south-eastern Tennessee, about seven hundred and fifty students have received instruction in our schools, eighty-seven families have been helped by donations of clothing and other comforts, and two school houses and one Friends' meeting-house have been built there. One hundred and fifty-two persons have been received into membership with the Society of Friends in two Monthly Meetings where our efforts have been mostly concentrated, and eighteen of our scholars have been prepared to teach public schools.

The sudden removal by death of our dear friend Matthew Howland, who has been Treasurer of this Committee and deeply interested in its work since its first organization, eight years ago, has been a loss which we deeply felt.

As nearly all of the schools organized by us have now become self-supporting, and we think the remainder might be so if left to their own resources, your Committee feel inclined to advise that the money now remaining in the Acting-Treasurer's care be placed in the hands of a small committee, to be used in aiding the schools and mission work in those neighborhoods where, in the discretion of that committee, it seems most needed, and that this work be closed up during the coming year.

May God continue to bless the seed that has been sown there, that it may produce abundant fruit to His glory.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Secretary.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 13th, 1885.

ACTING-TREASURER'S REPORT.

Committee on Educational and Mission Work in North Carolina in account with H. J. Bailey.

1884.	DR.		
Seventh Month.	Received by a returned post-office order	$4 00	
Tenth Month.	Returned order	5 00	
Eleventh Month.	Received from George Howland, Jr., Treasurer of Yearly Meeting	200 00	
Eleventh Month.	Received from Rachel S. Howland balance in care of Matthew Howland at time of his decease	22 14	
			$231 14

1884.	CR.		
Eleventh Month.	Paid teacher	$25 00	
Twelfth Month.	Paid teacher	21 00	
Twelfth Month.	Paid teacher	21 00	
1885.			
First Month.	Paid to aid a poor family	5 00	
First Month.	Paid teacher	21 00	
Second Month.	Paid teacher	21 00	
Second Month.	Paid to aid the poor	5 00	
Second Month.	Paid for reference Bible	1 00	
Fifth Month.	Paid for Bibles	3 00	
	Paid for postage, etc.	1 64	
Sixth Month.	* Balance on hand	106 50	
			$231 14

* $90.00 of the above balance will be due for teachers' wages at the close of the present school term.

H. J. BAILEY, *Acting-Treasurer.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 13th, 1885.

Which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and Charles M. Jones and Hannah J. Bailey are appointed to carry into effect the recommendation of the Committee in reference to the expenditure of the small balance now in the hands of the Committee.

29. The Committee appointed for that purpose have nominated Friends to constitute a Committee to have the charge of the Boarding School at Providence the ensuing year, which is approved by the Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly, and are as follows, viz.: —

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Charles F. Coffin,
George Howland, Jr.,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Richard Battey,
James H. Chace,
James O. Inman,
Peter M. Neal,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
Augustus F. Cox,
Robert P. Gifford.
Charles Taber,
Caleb Jones,
Charles C. Varney,
I. Warren Hawkes,
William O. Newhall,
Isaac Oscar Winslow,

Ellen K. Buffum.
Sylvia G. Howland,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Rebecca A. Steere,
Anna G. Wood,
Deborah W. Crosman,
Elizabeth H. Austin,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Esther Jones,
Caroline C. Earle,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Lydia C. Neal,
Ruth S. Murray,
Alice W. Maxfield,
Anna M. Hussey,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,
Ruthanna H. Nichols.

30. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, viz.:—

SUMMARY OF ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES FROM THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

1. Nearly all our members are diligent in attending Meetings for worship and discipline. We fear that a little more care is needed to promote the attendance of some of our families.

2. Most of our members are preserved in unity one with another, and with the Meetings to which we belong, and our labor together in gathering unto Christ is generally harmonious; but we feel that more earnest effort is needful in these respects.

3. We are with little exception frequently engaged in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

MINUTE OF THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

We have been brought under a deep and searching exercise during the reading of the Queries and Answers. Friends in the Ministry were led to impart much loving and faithful counsel to our edification and comfort. The importance of searching the Holy Scriptures was brought impressively before us. It is the Book, and we need to dig deep into this wonderful mine, if we would be spiritually rich.

We should be often alone with the Lord and His written word, asking Him to open it to us. The prophet Ezekiel was to eat the roll and then speak unto the people. Every Church planted should be like the river which the prophet saw in vision, refreshing the desert and making everything live where it flowed. Circumstances may work against us, but if we would not look at the discouragements, and dwell upon the barriers in our way, but individually stand in the power of God, strong in Him, we should be an aggressive Church, and our borders would be enlarged. We should not be satisfied if our Meetings hold their own, but we should ever bear in mind that the prime object of the Church is to gather souls to Christ, and to feed the flock of God. A Church needs to be evangelistic in order to be evangelical. The children should be lovingly and tenderly cared for, and taught what we believe from a Bible stand-point.

We were encouraged to faithfulness in the attendance of our Meetings, and to be careful to provide for the attendance of our families, even though it should involve present sacrifice; a blessing will attend our efforts in this direction. Our faithfulness in this respect always exerts a silent influence for good on our friends and neighbors.

We have been exhorted to occupy the spiritual gifts entrusted to us. There are diversities of gifts and we should not despise those that seem to us small, but occupy them faithfully. God calls some to be apostles and prophets, but it is blessed to be even "helps" in His Church. We were reminded that many men in the Camp of Israel spent the best of their lives in caring for the curtains, sockets, and even the pins of the Tabernacle. Be faithful in the little things of life, and the great things will take care of themselves. We should do our own work faithfully and not criticise the work of others.

Above all we need the baptism of the Holy Spirit for every service. He has come to dwell in the Church, to give us power and to lead us into all truth. He wants to fill us with all His fulness, and manifest His glory in and through us.

We rejoice in the increased zeal manifested in recent years in the evangelistic work of the Church, and believe that this Meeting ought to identify itself more closely as a body with this movement in our Society. The duties enjoined upon the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight cover a wide field, which we are not fully occupying. All our time should not be consumed in keeping up the organization of this Meeting in our subordinate Meetings, but a large portion should be devoted to the interests of the Church in looking after the spiritual needs of the flock and devising ways of advancing the Redeemer's kingdom.

We earnestly desire that we all give prayerful attention to the duties assigned in our Discipline to this body, and carry out the work practically in our subordinate Meetings.

ALFRED H. JONES, *Clerk.*

31. The Committee on the Concern of this Meeting for the Improvement of the Condition of the Freedmen of the South, have presented their Sixth Annual Report, together with the Report of the Condition of the Freedman's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn., made by its Superintendent, William P. Hastings. We again refer this Concern to the same Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee, in connection with the Principal, have endeavored to make the School useful to the colored man, and all who have willingly availed themselves of the advantages offered, and cheerfully used them, we believe have been much benefited by the instruction imparted.

The School opened at the usual time in the Eighth Month and soon had twenty-nine students in the Class for Training Teachers, and closed the Fall Term in the Twelfth Month with thirty-seven.

The Spring Term opened First Month, 1885, and closed in the Fifth Month with fifty in the Teachers' Training Class.

The Principal in a letter remarks: "The closing exercises went off well; our eight graduates acquitting themselves very creditably. Such noble sentiments on the subjects of Temperance, Anti-Tobacco and Peace were brought out by our graduating young men and women; it would have been very gratifying to their friends, could they have heard them."

While there are many among the colored people who duly appreciate the efforts made by their friends to assist them in acquiring a useful education, yet there are some others who not only fail to appreciate, but are actual opposers. The School, during the past year, has, as usual, had a happy experience with the former class, but with the latter an experience sadly the reverse; but we trust and hope, in view of the assistance given to Maryville School, wiser feelings will prevail.

This opposition resulted in the employment of a lawyer to call in question the title giving the Freedmen's Normal Institute to New England Yearly Meeting; but this question, we believe, will soon be settled by Indiana Friends without litigation.

Our Lord and Master did not relinquish the work He came to accomplish, because of opposition; and to follow His example we ought not to withhold pursuing the course for uplifting the colored man, by helping him to a useful education, because of difficulties, especially when many with thankful hearts duly appreciate all their friends are doing to better their condition.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Expended on buildings in a variety of repairs, and other expenses as per bills and statements	$286 99	
Repair funds on hand Third Month 25th, 1885	34 01	
		$321 00

Received for repairs, etc.,

From Charles F. Coffin	$50 00	
Wm. C. Taber	25 00	
Olney T. Meader	25 00	
Hannah J. Bailey	25 00	
Charles M. Bailey	10 00	
Joseph E. Briggs	10 00	
Hannah B. Farr	5 00	
Thomas Wood	6 00	
Wm. Thompson	5 00	
Susan L. Meader	5 00	
Henry Taber	10 00	
Sarah Anthony	10 00	
Four Friends	8 00	
Augustus F. Cox	5 00	
John J. Frye	3 00	
Mary G. Winslow	2 00	
A. W. Rogers	50 00	
Annie W. Rogers	10 00	
Robert W. Rogers	10 00	
Sarah Marshall	10 00	
Mary M. Johnson	10 00	
Marmaduke Cope	10 00	
M. W. Haines	10 00	
Wistar Brown	5 00	
Mary W. Brown	2 00	
		$321 00

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

From last year's account	$130 80	
Appropriation	800 00	
Rents	232 20	
A Friend to balance account	137 00	
		$1,300 00

EXPENDED.

Paid Wm. P. Hastings to assist in running the School	$1300 00

All of which the Committee submits with a wish for the meeting to see its way clear to appropriate $1000 to continue the work.

For the Committee,

B. F. KNOWLES.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 15th, 1885.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREEDMEN'S NORMAL INSTITUTE, MARYVILLE, TENN., FROM EIGHTH MONTH 25th, 1884, TO FIFTH MONTH 22d, 1885, BEING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Number of days taught	183
Number enrolled	102
Number averaged daily	54
Per cent. of attendance	88
Number in training class	85
Number teaching in different States	94
Greatest number taught at one time by these teachers	5225
Number of self-boarders in the buildings at different times	53
Number of table boarders in the buildings	9
Number taught Reading	102
Spelling	102
Arithmetic	102
English Grammar	98
English Composition	98
Geography	80
United States History	26
Latin	10
Greek	2
Algebra	10
Geometry	3
Book-keeping	5

The Sabbath School and Meeting have been continued through the year. We have also given the Temperance and Peace reforms proper place in our work, both in our religious meetings and by the distribution of literature on these subjects.

There are now seventy-three colored members of Southern Monthly Meeting. A number of these are among our best teachers, and are not residing near any Friends' Meeting, but when corresponded with express a decided adherence to the Society of Friends.

With gratitude to Our Heavenly Father for having carried on this work thus far, this report is submitted with the hope that the work may be continued with increased vigor.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. P. HASTINGS, *Principal.*

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Benjamin F. Knowles,
Charles F. Coffin,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Moses Sawyer,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Hannah B. Sawyer.

32. The Trustees of the George Sturge Fund presented their fourth Annual Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and is as follows, viz. :—

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE STURGE FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The investment remains unchanged, and for safe keeping the Bonds are where they were last year.

In the Fall Term one dollar a week was allowed to each of twenty-seven students who were fitting themselves for teachers.

In the Spring Term forty students, attending the Training Class with the view of becoming teachers, were allowed seventy-five cents a week from the Fund.

The number of students fitting themselves for teachers has fallen below that of last year, when it was unusually large; yet at no previous time, according to Monthly Reports received, have so many pupils in different States been receiving instruction from the Institute's former students.

The amount given to the students from the Fund this school-year would have furnished the same help to thirty students an entire year of thirty-eight weeks.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance from last year	$362 02	
Coupons due Seventh Month, 1884	727 50	
Interest due on deposits up to Eleventh Month 30th, 1884	11 81	
Coupons due First Month, 1885	727 50	
Interest due on deposits up to Fourth Month 30th, 1885	13 27	
		$1,842 10

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for students as per bills for Fall Term, 1884	$368 00	
Paid for students as per bills for Spring Term, 1885	572 25	
Paid other expenses	15 00	
Balance for new account	886 85	
		$1,842 10

For the Trustees,

B. F. KNOWLES.

Portland, Sixth Month 15th, 1885.

TRUSTEES OF THE STURGE FUND.

Benjamin F. Knowles, South Manchester, Conn.
Samuel R. Buffinton, Fall River, Mass.
Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.
Owen Dame, Lynn, Mass.
Rebecca H. Smiley, New Bedford, Mass.
Ellen K. Buffum, Providence, R. I.
Susan T. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.

33. A communication was received at this time from James and Henry Grace, of Bristol, England, in relation to a clause in the will of Henry Comps, late of Bristol, bequeathing a certain portion of his estate to the Freedmen's Normal Institute, Maryville, Tenn. It was referred to the Representative Meeting.

34. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting.

We adjourn to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Third-day Morning, the 16th.

The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

35. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Joint Committee on Foreign Mission Work, in presenting this their Eleventh Annual Report, do so with feelings of deep gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the blessings which have rested upon our labors during the past year.

Perhaps at no time in the history of the Mission has more persecution been brought to bear upon it by the priests and bishops than in the past year.

Since the removal of Rustem Pasha, the Christian Governor of Lebanon, they have been trying to control the affairs of State and hinder the work of Protestant missions in every possible way. At Kabbarich they succeeded in closing our school, but about that time the inhabitants of Dar Bsalum made application for a school to be opened in their village, which was done. The change has proved a wise one for the interests of the Mission. Theo. Waldmeier, in writing of the examination in this school at the close of the year, expresses his great satisfaction at the progress they have made. Parents and children are united in the work. He says: "The School was able to understand well the first four rules of Arithmetic, could repeat all the parables and miracles of Christ, and answered four hundred Bible questions correctly." The work in this field promising to be so fruitful is supported by our dear Friends of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

The School at Mansourich which is supported by the Women's Foreign Mission Society, of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, is also making very satisfactory progress. The same may be said of all the Branch Schools. About the usual number of scholars have been in attendance, Some changes have taken place among the workers in the mission field during the year past. This has caused some anxiety to us, but the closing of the year's work has proved our fears to be groundless.

Sheik Arkle, a prominent man of Brumana, at one time Sheik of the village, and one of the first to join the little band of Friends composing Brumana Monthly Meeting, died the last of Tenth Month. He had been employed as Bible reader during his connection with the Mission, and, being much respected by the inhabitants of Brumana and neighboring villages for his upright Christian walk, he had great influence over them for good. His loving counsel and earnest prayers and exhortations in the meetings and homes at Brumana are much missed.

Mariam Abo Nassar, who was our instructor at the Girl's Training Home the first two years, and had proved herself a very efficient teacher, dearly loved by her scholars, early in Eighth Month was united in marriage with Lottsfallah Riskallah, teacher of the Boys' Home. This union changed her from teacher of the Girls' to matron of the Boys' Training Home, which position she is abundantly able to fill.

The Conference at Mt. Lebanon was fortunate in securing the service of Mualwon Freedy, who had been head teacher at the Deaconess School, in Beyrout, for eight years. She is reported as being qualified for a first-class teacher in languages as well as in household economy, also sewing, knitting and all kinds of needle-work; and what is more than all, she is an earnest Christian woman, who has the elevation of her own sex strongly at heart. Allusion is made in a letter to her delivering a lecture before the scholars of the Training Homes and inhabitants of Brumana in favor of the elevation of the women of the East, which was well calculated to inspire a longing in their hearts for a higher and better condition in life.

Ibrahim Tasso, who was connected with the Mission from its start, closed his labors as superintendent of the day schools in the summer, and Manlim Abdelnour, head teacher of the Friends' School at Ramallah, was employed to take his place and assist Theophilus Waldmeier in this branch of the work. The meetings for worship at the Mission and preaching of the Gospel in the villages have been regularly kept up during the year. Our dear friend Maria Feltham, after spending four years at the Missions, giving freely all her time and strength, also largely of her means, to the support of the Mission, felt she would like to return home for a short visit, and also attend London Yearly Meeting. She has done so, and is now in England, expecting to return to Brumana early in the fall for the opening of the schools.

We can but again express our thanks to our Heavenly Father for His blessing upon our labors, and to the Friends of our own and all other Yearly Meetings who have so generously aided us with funds to carry on the work.

We would again ask the Yearly Meeting to appropriate the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars towards defraying the expenses of the Mission during the coming year.

On behalf of the Committee,

CHARLES M. JONES, *Clerk.*

P. S. — During the past year, eight hundred and fifteen dollars has been subscribed, and is now on deposit in savings bank toward the building of a Girls' Training Home at Ramallah.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS IN ACCOUNT WITH GEORGE HOWLAND, JUN., TREASURER.

1884.	DR.		
Sixth Month.	To balance from last year	$94 57	
	amount collected at Newport	251 34	
	amount received for support of girls at Training Home	562 32	
	amount rec'd for acct. of hospital	30 00	
	amt. rec'd from Monthly Meetings	328 52	
	amt. rec'd from Preparative Meetings	115 00	
	amt. rec'd from individuals	305 00	
	amt. rec'd from First-day schools	68 92	
	amt. rec'd from missionary societies	57 00	
	amt. rec'd from Yearly Meeting	750 00	
	amt. rec'd from all other sources	232 84	
			$2,795 51

1884.	CR.		
Sixth Month.	By amount sent T. Waldmeier	$85 22	
Eighth Month.	amount sent T. Waldmeier	1,190 06	
1885.			
Third Month.	amount sent T. Waldmeier	801 90	
Fourth Month.	amount sent T. Waldmeier	487 38	
	amount sent for hospital	30 00	
Sixth Month.	balance to new account	200 95	
			$2,795 51
1884.			
Eleventh Month.	Amount received from R. N. Taylor for Mansourich School		$150 00
Twelfth Month.	Amount sent T. Waldmeier		$150 00

There is also in the hands of the Committee, belonging to the "Training Home for Girls on Mt. Lebanon," the sum of $2,716.05.

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., *Treas. of Committee.*

NEW BEDFORD, Sixth Month, 1885.

This Report was satisfactory and we feel that the watchful care of the Great Husbandman is still over this work of faith. Difficulties have appeared, but they have been overruled by the power of Him who promises to go before His people when they go out in His service. A nominating Committee was appointed to select Friends suitable to take charge of this important work. The sum of $300 was collected by voluntary contribution for the current expenses of the Mission. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year.

36. The Committee having the care of Oak Grove Seminary the past year have presented their first Annual Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee to have the care of Oak Grove Seminary, in presenting their Report, feel that the past year has been one of blessing in many respects to the School.

Immediately after the close of our last Yearly Meeting, steps were taken to have the property, which was held by a Board of Trustees, transferred to New England Yearly Meeting. A warranty deed to this effect was properly executed, and recorded in Kennebec County, State of Maine, then deposited in the hands of George Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. The property thus transferred consisted of about one and a half acres of land, with a large boarding-house, partly furnished, with room to accommodate sixty scholars; a stable large enough for the needs of the Institution, and a building which had been used as a gymnasium.

Your Committee were of the opinion that if the School was to be built up and become such an institution as it should be, more land was needed to start upon.

On the north side of the school property is a piece of land about three acres in extent, which it seemed best to add to the school premises if possible. Application was made to Burleigh & Bodwell, who owned the property, to see upon what terms it could be secured. They very generously made a free gift of it to the Yearly Meeting. On the west side is also a small lot, which we have purchased at a cost of fifty dollars. On the east line is still another lot, about one-half acre, which we needed to make a square lot. This was the property of Millie Whiting, who has also kindly made a gift of it to the Yearly Meeting. This gives the Yearly Meeting about six acres of land — sufficient for the needs of the School.

Application was made to the Legislature of Maine for State aid, to assist in carrying on the School. They kindly responded to our appeal, and granted us three hundred dollars a year for two years.

The building which had been used as a Seminary having been burned, a subscription was entered into to secure funds to erect a suitable building for this purpose and to make the proper repairs on the present buildings. Something over four thousand dollars has already been subscribed.

The boarding-house has been newly shingled, and some other repairs which were much needed have been made. Considerable addition has been made to the furnishing of the boarding-house, in the line of bedding, crockery, etc.

An architect was employed to make a plan for the new school building to be erected in connection with the present boarding-house, which has been done, and it is now nearly ready to place in the hands of the contractor. Work will be begun at once, and the building will be ready for the opening of the Winter Term. When this is done, there will be accommodation for one hundred students.

Three terms of school, of twelve weeks each, have been in operation during the year, under the care of Charles H. Jones, Principal and Teacher of Mathematics and Natural Science; Ellen A. Winslow, Preceptress and Teacher of Latin, French, German and Literature; Emily S. Weeks, Teacher of Drawing and Painting; H. Elizabeth Jones, Matron.

At the Fall Term there were 47 scholars: — 32 boys; 15 girls.

At the Winter Term there were 45 scholars: — 27 boys; 18 girls.

At the Spring Term there were 66 scholars: — 40 boys; 26 girls.

The Principal was obliged to refuse several who made application at the opening of the Spring Term for want of room.

Charles H. Jones having taken the School in charge from the old Board of Trustees, and entered upon the school year before our appointment, we deemed it best to let him proceed as he had proposed, through the year. The School was visited from time to time by members of our Committee, and we have been much pleased with the thorough manner in which the Principal seemed to be carrying on the work, and also the interest manifested by the scholars. A deep, religious feeling has been kept up throughout the year, increasing during the Spring Term. The Principal reports that fifteen of the students have professed conversion to the Lord Jesus during the year. Besides the regular meetings, a prayer meeting is held by the scholars two evenings in the week.

While we have not accomplished all that we wished during the year, we feel that a good beginning has been made, and the prospects of the School are bright for the future. Enough has already been manifested to prove the wisdom of the Yearly Meeting in taking charge of this Institution, and we believe under its care it will continue to increase in usefulness.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

CHAS. M. JONES, *Clerk.*

CALENDAR, SCHOOL YEAR 1885–86.

1885. — Fall Term begins Third-day, Eighth Month 25th. Fall Term closes, Sixth-day, Eleventh Month 13th. Recess of one week. Winter Term begins, Third-day, Eleventh Month 24th.

1886. — Winter Term closes, Sixth-day, Second Month 12th. Recess of one week. Spring Term begins Third-day, Second Month, 23d. Spring Term closes Sixth-day, Fifth Month 14th. Vacation.

Fall Term of school year 1886-87 begins Third-day, Eighth Month 24th.

Public Examination at the close of each term. Graduation Exercises at the close of the Spring Term.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1885.	CR.		
Seventh Month.	From Hannah J. Bailey	$500 00	
Eleventh Month.	From C. M. Bailey, Treas. of Trustees	300 00	
First Month.	Collected by R. H. Nichols	17 00	
Second Month.	Collected by Arthur Tabor	6 00	
Sixth Month.	From Olney T. Meader	25 00	
			$848 00

1884.	DR.		
Seventh Month.	For Drawing deed	$2 00	
Eighth Month.	Paid C. H. Jones for repairs as per bills and vouchers	316 87	
Twelfth Month.	Paid C. H. Jones	100 00	
1885.			
First Month.	Paid R. H. Nichols	9 38	
Second Month.	Paid C. H. Jones	41 83	
Third Month.	Expenses of Committee	15 00	
Third Month.	Paid C. H. Jones	50 00	
Fourth Month.	Paid Isaiah Gifford for land	50 00	
Sixth Month.	In hands of Treasurer	262 92	
			$848 00

JOS. E. BRIGGS, *Treas.*

SYBIL JONES' FUND.

On deposit in Augusta Savings Bank $162 00

RUTHANNA H. NICHOLS, *Treas.*

COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY.

Charles M. Bailey,
Eli Jones,
Ebenezer Frye,
C. Irving Bailey,
Charles M. Jones,
Augustine Jones,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Benjamin F. Knowles,

Hannah J. Bailey,
Susan T. Thompson,
Myra E. Frye,
Huldah H. Leighton,
Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Mary E. Richardson,
Harriet L. Hoxie,
S. Jane Cox,

John J. Frye,
Joseph T. Richardson,
Ezra Hawkes,
John H. Crosman,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Arthur Taber,
Frank E. Jones,
John F. Chase,
Harriet D. Collins,
Mary W. Jones of Newport,
Mary Ann Hoxie,
Julia E. Winslow,
Emma S. Briggs,
C. Alice Jones,
Mary E. Taber,
Sarah Marble.

TREASURER.

Joseph E. Briggs, of Winthrop, Maine.

The Meeting was gratified with the manner in which the Committee have discharged the trust committed to their care. They are continued to that service for the ensuing year, with the exception of Meltiah Gifford, deceased, and John F. Chase added thereto. Joseph E. Briggs is reappointed Treasurer. Over $1000 was subscribed in the Yearly Meeting towards finishing and furnishing the School Building.

37. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel work, have presented the following, viz. :—

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MEETINGS AND OTHER GOSPEL SERVICE.

Eli Jones,
Phebe S. Aydelott,
Anna G. Wood,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Ruth S. Murray,
Charles H. Jones,
William Jacob,
Charles M. Jones,
I. Warren Hawkes,
William P. Macomber,
Lydia Haight,
Alice Almy,
Henry C. Aydelott,
Anthony M. Kimber,
Harriet D. Collins,
Elizabeth T. Larkin,
William Thompson,
Susan T. Thompson,
John B. Cartland,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Hannah S. Wing,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Annie M. Ray,
Levi E. Jones,
Emeline H. Tuttle,
Charles E. Peasley,
John H. Douglas,
Mary Alice Gifford.

ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MEETINGS AND OTHER GOSPEL SERVICE.

Timothy B. Hussey, *Chairman*,
Phebe S. Aydelott, *Secretary*,
William Thompson, *Treasurer*.

District No. 1, comprising Vassalboro and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings; CHARLES M. JONES, Superintendent, Winthrop, Me.

District No. 2, comprising Falmouth and Dover Quarterly Meetings; TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY, Superintendent, North Berwick, Me.

District No. 3, comprising Salem and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings; WILLIAM JACOB, Superintendent, Mansfield, Mass.

District No. 4, comprising Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings; HENRY C. AYDELOTT, Superintendent, Fall River, Mass.

which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and they are appointed to that service for one year.

38. The Committee to promote the cause of Temperance in our own Society and in the Community at large, presented their Report, viz.:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

While as a Committee we have but little that is new to report this year, either in methods adopted or results obtained, we rejoice that we can speak of increasing interest in the cause, and that methods of work which have proved successful in some of our Meetings in years past have been gradually and with equal success adopted by others within the last year. We have endeavored to follow on as the Lord has led, and are grateful to Him that He has so guided that we feel, upon a review of the year's work, that more has been done and better results obtained than in any previous year.

WORK AMONG THE CHILDREN.

More work has been done among the children than in any previous year. Temperance has been taught in most, if not all of our First-day Schools. Bands of Hope and Temperance Classes have been formed, and a pamphlet has been issued by the Executive Committee giving a form of Constitution and By-Laws which are recommended for adoption by the different juvenile organizations.

Many have signed the triple pledge. Endeavors have been made to teach the injurious effects of the use of tobacco as well as of alcohol, it having been fairly demonstrated that the use of the one often leads to that of the other. Our older members have been admonished in regard to this, and, while some improvement has been noticed, much more remains to be done.

Considerable of the appropriation has been used in years past in sending out lecturers, but experience has shown that the results realized by holding only one meeting in a place were not commensurate with the expense incurred, and, therefore, more time and money have been expended directly among the children in the last year, and we have reason to believe with good results.

Labor of this kind among the children pays well, and we have reason to rejoice in the knowledge that members of our children's classes are working among their little mates, inducing them to sign the pledge and practicing what they have themselves been taught.

LITERATURE.

While we have not attempted to strew the New England States "knee-deep" with temperance literature, we have been by no means inactive in this part of our work. So far as known, every member of the Committee and some who are not members have been furnished with all they could profitably use. Many orders for books, tracts, cards, pledges, etc., have been filled by the Secretary, and these silent yet eloquent messengers have been scattered far and wide "beside all waters," accompanied, as we believe, by His blessing who gave the command.

Literature has been distributed at the close of our public Meetings and among our workers, in the hope of better qualifying them for their important work.

We have sent out 82,106 pages of tracts, 13 copies of "Alcohol and Hygiene," 7 "Temperance Manuals," and 10 other books for our teachers, with six copies of "Ripples of Song," 118 "Catechisms," and many cards and pledges for the use of the children.

Literature has also been distributed in jails and prisons, and some of our workers report a free use of temperance tracts in their correspondence. One member reports 30 temperance letters written the past year; another 19 signers to the total abstinence pledge, who had never signed before, and yet another 41 signers of the triple pledge. From 9 of the Committee no report has been received, and in such a case it is difficult to do more than give a general view of the work done, any statistical report necessarily being very incomplete.

PROHIBITION IN MAINE.

This being the pioneer State in the prohibition movement, the eyes of many not only in this country but in other countries being turned towards Maine to see what her citizens would do with this law after thirty years' experience, the Committee thought best at their first meeting in the Eighth Month, to apply one-half of the Yearly Meeting's appropriation to the work in Maine; and we rejoice to-day that we were granted the privilege of helping in the movement which gave to Maine a constitutional prohibitory law.

FRIENDS' SCHOOLS.

One Temperance Meeting has been held at Friends' School at Providence. The workers were warmly welcomed and the meeting was well attended. The library contains a few temperance reference books, most of them placed there by the Committee, and, while no other prizes have been offered this year for essays, we hope the books have not been wholly useless.

The School at Oak Grove, Vassalboro, has been "instant in season, out of season" in this line of Christian work. No opportunity has been neglected, and "no uncertain sound" given with regard to the twin evils, Alcohol and Tobacco.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

The Committee has labored faithfully in different localities to secure a laws making scientific temperance instruction compulsory in the public schools, and is glad to be able to report such a law in New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Maine, while Massachusetts is putting forth vigorous efforts to secure a similar law during the present sitting of the Legislature. This law, if enforced, opens a grand era in temperance work; for when we can send forth trained forces from our public schools, the enemy must fall. God speed the day!

We mourn to-day the loss of one member of our Committee, our dear brother, James P. Boyce, of Lynn, who has finished his work and gone to his reward. Although the oldest member of the Committee, his heart was young, and full of fire and enthusiasm in the cause of temperance. His earnest words and wise counsel will not soon be forgotten by us, and we pray God his mantle may fall upon us who remain. We rejoice in the thought that our loss is his unspeakable and eternal gain.

THE FUTURE.

While much that is encouraging comes before us as we sum up the visible results of the year's work, so far as reported, enough of discouragement is reported to show us that if we would not lose ground, increased effort must be made in the future; for with every fresh effort put forth by the friends of temperance, the enemy is summoning his allies to the front and his forces are strongly entrenched.

We recommend that this work be carried on under the care of a committee, and that two hundred dollars be appropriated for the work the coming year.

JOHN F. CHASE, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Yearly Meeting appropriation	$200 00	
From a friend	5 00	
Interest and literature sold	4 95	
		$209 95
Amount expended during the year		$209 95

JOHN F. CHASE, *Treasurer,*

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 13th, 1885.

The Report is satisfactory to this Meeting, and we commend the cause to the continued care of the Committee now under appointment, with the exception of our late friend James P. Boyce, deceased, Elizabeth A. Gifford and Hannah S. Wing released upon their own request, and the addition of Edward S. Hacker.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Officers.

* Ezra Hawkes, *Chairman.*
* Elizabeth T. Larkin, *Secretary.*
John F. Chase, *Treasurer.*
Charles W. Goddard, *Supt. of Juvenile Work.*

Rhode Island.

Harriet D. Collins, Hopkinton, R. I.
† Charles A. Chace, Fall River, Mass.
Louisa N. Meader, Albion, R. I.

Salem.

John Henry Crosman, Lynn, Mass.
John F. Chase, Manchester, N. H.
† Elizabeth T. Larkin, Manchester, N. H.

Sandwich.

† Ruth S. Murray, New Bedford, Mass.
Mary C. Baylies, New Bedford, Mass.
Edward T. Tucker, New Bedford, Mass.

Smithfield.

Geo. F. Varney, Woonsocket, R. I.
Abigail Wheeler, Northbridge, Mass.
† Susan A. Gifford, Princeton, Mass.

Falmouth.

* A. F. Cox, Portland, Me.
† S. Jane Cox, Portland, Me.
Charles W. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.
Emma J. Gatchell, Lisbon Falls, Me.
† Sarah W. J. McLellan, So. Windham, Me.
Huldah H. Leighton, Woodfords, Me.
Ezra Hawkes, Portland, Me.
* Alice W. Hawkes, Portland, Me.
Edward S. Hacker, Brunswick, Me.

Vassalboro.

Eli Jones, So. China, Me.
* Frank E. Jones, So. China, Me.
† Ruthanna H. Nichols, E. Vassalboro, Me.

Dover.

Timothy B. Hussey, No. Berwick, Me.
† Anna M. Hussey, No. Berwick, Me.
† Thomas W. Hoag, Tamworth, N. H.
Ida M. Jenness, Gonic, N. H.

Fairfield.

Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop, Me.
Harriet N. Jones, Winthrop, Me.
† Hepsie S. Hoxie, West Sydney, Me.
Joseph T. Richardson, No. Fairfield, Me.
Phebe W. Sawtelle, Sidney, Me.

* Executive Committee.
† Committee on Juvenile Work.

39. The Representatives propose the following-named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year. The Friends named are satisfactory to the Meeting and are appointed accordingly.

MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

Samuel R. Buffinton,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Owen Dame,
Lydia C. Neal,
George Howland, Jr.,
Anna G. Wood,
Reuben T. Jones,
Esther Jones,
Richard Battey,
Mary A. Battey,
Alfred H. Jones,
Elizabeth K. Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Anna M. Hussey,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Hannah J. Bailey,
William O. Newhall,
James O. Inman,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
Charles F. Coffin,
Thomas Harkness,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Anthony M. Kimber,
Augustine Jones,
Augustus F. Cox,
S. Jane Cox,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Wm. Thompson,
Susan T. Thompson,
Olney T. Meader,
Daniel C. Maxfield,
George Douglas,
Louisa N. Meader,
Isaac Steere,
Susan S. Tripp,
Levi Jones,
Myra E. Frye,
Harriet D. Collins,
John J. Frye.

40. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, have presented a Report which has been read, and is as follows, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In looking over the complex Indian question, and thinking of it in its varied aspects, we feel that many Friends in the East do not realize that over the lives and property of about 200,000 human beings, one man at Washington has almost absolute control. These are men and women who have not the privilege of the lowest foreigners who come to our shores, but are held as wards of the nation, however Christianized and educated they may have become — being denied citizenship.

As the amount granted by the Yearly Meeting for the Indian work was placed in the hands of the Associated Executive Committee of the various Yearly Meetings, it seems fitting to give a brief account of work done by them the past year:—

First we notice in the Educational Report that six government boarding, and three day schools have been supplied by Friends wholly or in part, with superintendents and teachers. These schools have an enrollment of 560 pupils. Besides these there have been 140 pupils in the White's Industrial Training Schools in Indiana and Iowa — in all, 700 scholars under 54 Friends. The Forest Grove School in Oregon and the Chiloceo Training School in Indian Territory have been under Friends as superintendents, who have had several of their fellow members as assistants. Nearly 100 of these 700 scholars have professed faith in Christ during the year. The Committee felt that there was great cause for gratitude on account of this evidence of Divine blessing on the labors of the teachers.

Benjamin S. Coppock says the children at White's have easily adapted themselves to the method of work, that they now have a general knowledge of farming and house-keeping, would be desirable help in good farmers' families, and that with proper care and encouragement will develop into useful men and women. The school now numbers 60 members, with an increase of 11 since last year. There are now two Monthly Meetings.

A meeting-house has been built at Shawneetown, where the new Monthly Meeting is established. Forty-nine members are reported. Two missionaries and their wives are employed in the work. There are now 168 Indian members; one minister, Frank Modoc, who visited his people the Klamaths and Modocs last year, finding many of them deeply interested in the truths of the Gospel. Six of them requested admission to membership in Grand River Monthly Meeting. Dr. Charles W. Kirk visited the meetings and members of Grand River Monthly Meeting. Lawrie Tatum visited all the meetings and many of the members. Thomas H. Stanley made visits to many of the Kaws and Osages. Mahlon H. Stubbs, with Jesse Hobson of Oregon, has visited the Klamaths and Modocs in Oregon. They say they have never seen any people so hungry for the Gospel as they, and they were begging for a missionary.

The whole field has received instruction and help from Friends not residing on the reservations. As the success of the Quapaw mission was largely the efforts of New England Friends, and many calls for help have come to the committee of this Yearly Meeting, we have confined our labors mostly to this agency.

Frank Modoc felt for some time the need of a better knowledge of the English language and of the Bible, in order that he might be better fitted for his calling as a Christian teacher, and while in Oregon visiting his people, amid their earnest entreaties for him to remain, he felt a renewed desire to go to School, and asked God to make a way as there seemed to be no way. The prayer was heard. Government officially granted $167.00 for his schooling, and we as a Committee had the privilege of collecting and paying his traveling and other necessary expenses at Oak Grove Seminary, where he says "I very much thank my Heavenly Father for sending me where so many good children are." A very encouraging correspondence is kept up as the result of his visit to Oregon the past year. In one letter we notice the following: "I hope you will learn fast, and become a man among wise men, and better understand the way of our Father in Heaven and become a great benefit to our noble red brothers." Eliza Watson in one of her letters says: "We miss Frank Modoc very much; his good advice and example to his people were a great stay to them." His little son Ellwood did not seem to take it to heart when he was left alone, but said one day "I pray for father every night." He has since gone to White's Institute, Indiana. The Modoc women have met the past year in a room at the Mission where they learn to cut and make clothing under the care of Eliza Watson. Three families made new rag carpets last year. Several neat framed houses were built and some of the grounds are fenced, and fruit trees planted with good gardens. According to the report of Commissioner Pierce on Indian Affairs for 1882, 68 tribes were without missionary or Church buildings. A study of the report of the same Commissioner in 1884 reveals 84 Indian tribes and separate portions of tribes with a population of 76,518 without a missionary, many of whom are pleading for help. We are told that a single devoted Missionary among the Indians is like the effect of the calcium light thrown down a dark alley. We cannot close our eyes and shut our ears to these cries for help which come to us in various ways. The Committee have collected and expended $192.97, and have pledged themselves for $17.03 more than they have in the treasury. The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $3,500. The quota for this Yearly Meeting is $595.00. We recommend that this sum be appropriated. We ask also that the treasury of our own Committee be replenished not only by a collection to be raised in our Yearly Meeting, but also by efforts to be made in all our Monthly Meetings.

On behalf of the Committee,

WM. O. NEWHALL, *Chairman.*

MYRA E. FRYE, *Secretary.*

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Co mittee continued for service another year, with the exception our late friend Meltiah Gifford, deceased, John Metcalfe, remov from the limits of this Yearly Meeting, and Hannah S. Wing, released upon her own request. The sum of $64.27 was raised by voluntary contribution and placed in the hands of this Committee.

INDIAN COMMITTEE.

Wm. O. Newhall,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Augustine Jones,
Rebecca Anthony,
John J. Frye,
Myra E. Frye,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Anthony M. Kimber,
Asa C. Tuttle,
Emeline H. Tuttle,
Eli Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Sarah D. Brown.
Olney T. Meader,
Sarah J. Swift,
Frank E. Jones,
Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Mary G. Winslow,
Anna M. Gove.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Afternoon.—The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

41. In consequence of the absence of Charles B. Cates, the member of the standing Committee on Finance from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, occasioned by illness, the Representatives from that Quarterly Meeting propose William A. Jones to serve the Meeting in that capacity; which is approved by this Meeting.

42. The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools has now been read and is as follows, viz: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting the Annual Report we feel that we have cause for thankfulness and encouragement in the work of the past year, and that each year the basis of Bible study is becoming stronger and more secure.

How most effectually to reach the Bible Schools was to the Committee a serious question. One of the plans adopted was to co-operate with the Quarterly Conferences, and through them endeavor to increase the interest in the work and improve the methods. Some of the Committee have assisted in Conferences in all the Quarterly Meetings, and we wish here to express our appreciation of the uniform kindness to the Bible School workers everywhere; also of the help of able essays furnished by some Friends not of the Committee.

The Committee are requested to interest themselves in helping the smaller schools. A number of such schools have been visited and in some instances assistance rendered in regard to supplies, while several schools are still needing help.

Many schools were in a very prosperous condition. We have information from ten schools that souls have been brought to Christ. In one as large a number as thirteen, in another six.

There is an increase of temperance work in our schools, by way of pledges, papers and temperance concerts.

There seems to be a greater desire, among the children especially, to give for missionary purposes, and also for the benefit of their own schools.

In thirty-eight schools, the lesson sheet prepared by Friends has been used.

We earnestly recommend that in the selection of books for our libraries preference may be given to those the tendency of which is to awaken an interest in and love for the best of all books, that the children may be in this way influenced to read and study the Bible, which is able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

We recommend this important subject to your prayerful attention, and to the care of a Committee, and that a liberal sum be appropriated for their use.

S. JANE COX, *Secretary.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 15th, 1885.

The following Statistical Report has been received from the several Quarterly Meetings, viz.:—

	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Number of Friends.
Rhode Island	8	486	366	199
Salem	9	414	280	222
Sandwich	10	466	299	187
Falmouth	10	504	307	276
Smithfield	7	266	156	93
Vassalboro	6	209	146	121
Dover	4	131	89	98
Fairfield	5	333	233	177
Totals . .	59	2,809	1,876	1,373

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Collection taken at Newport	$64 61	
From Treasurer of Yearly Meeting	100 00	
		$164 61

EXPENDITURES.

Postage and printing	$7 62	
Supplies for small schools	17 25	
Expense of visiting Quarterly Conferences	15 00	
Expense of visiting schools and supplies furnished at time of visiting	50 50	
Literature distributed	23 25	
Express	1 75	
Appropriated to assist in furnishing libraries	50 00	
		$165 37

OLNEY T. MEADER, *Treasurer.*

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 13th, 1885.

The Report is acceptable to the Meeting. The Committee now under appointment, with the exception of John Metcalfe removed from our limits, is continued for further service another year, to which is added our friends, Herbert O. Aldrich, Smith B. Steere, Albert C. Hill, John S. Kimber, Charles E. Peasley, George B. Wing, Mary S. Wood, Ruthanna H. Nichols and Sarah A. Hill.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

* Charles W. Goddard, *Chairman*, Lisbon Falls, Me.
* Olney T. Meader, *Treasurer*, 355 Dudley St., Boston, Mass.
* R. H. Nichols, *Secretary*, East Vassalboro, Me.
* Robert P. Gifford, 57 Westminster St., Providence, R.I.
* Hannah S. Wing, Sandwich, Mass.
* George B. Wing, North Fairfield, Me.
* Frank E. Jones, South China, Me.
* Saloma C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.
* Mary S. Wood, Fairhaven, Mass.
* Timothy B. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
Harriet D. Collins, Westerly, R.I.
George C. Herbert, Lynn, Mass.
Lucy T. Herbert, Lynn, Mass.
George R. Wood, New Bedford, Mass.
S. Jane Cox, 97 Winter St., Portland, Me.
Albert C. Hill, Merrimac, Mass.
Smith B. Steere, Burrillville, R.I.

Herbert O. Aldrich, Woonsocket, R.I.
H. Elizabeth Jones, Vassalboro, Me.
Alice R. Purinton, Dover, N.H.
Phebe W. Sawtelle, North Sidney, Me.
I. Warren Hawkes, Manchester, Me.
Alice R. Cranston, Woonsocket, R.I.
John S. Kimber, Box 293, Newport, R.I.
Charles E. Peasley, Pittsfield, N.H.
Sarah A. Hill, Merrimac, Mass.

* Executive Committee.

43. The Committee on the subject of Peace have presented their Annual Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee on the subject of Peace report :—

We are obliged to confess that our work for the past year has not been proportionate to the importance of the matter committed to our care.

Efforts were made in connection with several of the Quarterly Meetings to hold conferences on Peace, but in every instance we failed to accomplish our purpose, so that no public meetings have been held during the year. We have, however, continued to disseminate Peace literature, and several members of the Committee have been engaged in their ministry to dwell largely up on this important Gospel doctrine. Considerable personal work has been performed, especially with ministers of other denominations.

In the decease of James P. Boyce, one of our valued members, we feel that we have sustained a severe loss; prompt, persevering and uncompromising, possessed of sound judgment, moral courage, and a keen, sense of propriety, controlled ever by Christian principle, his influence for good was very great. We say of him: "He rests from his labors and his works do follow him."

We have expended for literature for distribution, during the past year, the sum of $20.00, leaving a balance in our hands of $18.88.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

CHAS. H. JONES,
H. ELIZABETH JONES.

Portland, Sixth Month 16th, 1885.

P.S.—The Committee would propose that the sum of $50.00 be appropriated for the cause the coming year.

The Report is satisfactory to this Meeting and we conclude to appoint a Committee to nominate a Committee on Peace, to whom this important subject may be referred the coming year.

44. A Committee was appointed to nominate a Committee on whom the subject of selecting a suitable place and accommodations for holding the Yearly Meeting in 1887 may be referred.

45. The Committee appointed to consider the requests from Rhode Island, Sandwich and Falmouth Quarterly Meetings, report as follows, viz. : —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REQUESTS FROM QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

The Committee appointed to consider the requests of Rhode Island, Sandwich and Falmouth Quarterly Meetings, report in relation to that from Rhode Island : — We recommend the insertion in that clause of the discipline constituting meetings on Ministry and Oversight after the words "Two years," in the fifteenth line, the words, "And their term of service shall expire by limitation in two years, unless they are reappointed," so the paragraph shall read, "The names of these are to be brought forward as in the case of the appointment of Elders, and the list shall be revised at least once in two years, and their term of service shall expire by limitation in two years unless they are reappointed."

As to the question from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, viz. : Do members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in moving from one Quarterly Meeting to another lose their membership in that Meeting?

We answer, that with the exception of Ministers and Elders, they do.

To the question from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on nominal membership, we do not see the way clear to recommend any change in the discipline.

For the Committee,

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY,
MARY ALICE GIFFORD.

The Report is satisfactory to this Meeting and its recommendations are adopted.

46. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, etc., have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz. : —

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting :

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, etc., have attended to that duty, and now report as follows, viz. ;—

Treasurer's General Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year's account	$1,490 43	
From sales of Books of Discipline	26 00	
Dividends National Eagle Bank, Providence	80 00	
Dividends on $600 in N.B. Five Cents Savings Bank	27 00	
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	920 00	
Salem Quarterly Meeting	680 00	
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting	1,400 00	
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting	160 00	
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting	200 00	
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting	200 00	
Dover Quarterly Meeting	160 00	
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting	280 00	
		$5,623 43

PAYMENTS.

Expenses of Yearly Meeting at Newport, 1884	$760 65	
Recording	60 00	
Printing	322 20	
Interest	35 00	
Expressing, postage, etc.	12 44	
Insurance	28 00	
Associated Executive Committee on Indians	595 00	
Committee on Bible Schools	100 00	
Foreign Missions	750 00	
Freedmen	800 00	
North Carolina Mission	200 00	
Temperance	200 00	
to Aid Friends in the British Provinces	25 00	
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	1,735 14	
		$5,623 43

INCOME OF BOSTON MEETING HOUSE FUND.

Balance from last year's account	$884 13	
Received for coupons	450 00	
Received interest on savings bank deposit	42 79	
		$1,376 92

Paid for rent of Wesleyan Hall, Boston	$350 00	
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	1,026 92	
		$1,376 92

We recommend that four thousand dollars be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate George Howland, Jr., for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

By direction of the Committee,

OWEN DAME.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 15th, 1885.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland, Jr., is appointed Treasurer, and Thomas Harkness is appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed; and this Meeting also directs that it be paid into the Treasury on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

47. The Committee appointed to produce names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Foreign Missions, make the following report which is accepted, and they are accordingly appointed.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Eli Jones,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
William Thompson,
Susan T. Thompson,
George Howland, Jr.,
Anna G. Wood,
Charles M. Jones,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
S. Caroline Tobey,
Ezra Hawkes,
Alice W. Hawkes,
Harriet D. Collins,
Eliza Taber,
Eliza P. Varney,
Mary W. Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Anna M. Hussey,
Elizabeth K. Jones,
Mary A. Chase,
Huldah H. Leighton,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Addie F. Chace,
Eli Jepson,
Charles A. Chace,
Phebe W. Sawtelle,
Mabel G. Bailey,
Ellwood A. Bailey,
Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Herbert A. Skinner.

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING, THE 17TH.

The Meeting again assembled.

48. The Committee appointed for that purpose propose the following named Friends to constitute a Committee on Peace, which

is satisfactory to this Meeting and they are appointed accordingly, viz. : —

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

Charles H. Jones,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
Asa C. Tuttle,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Eli Jones,
Sarah J. Swift,
Anna F. Hall,
H. Elizabeth Jones,
Hannah S. Wing,
Annie M. Ray.

49. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee to take into consideration the subject of accommodations for the Yearly Meeting in 1887, report the following named Friends, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and they are desired to take the subject into careful consideration and report to this Meeting next year, viz. : —

COMMITTEE ON YEARLY MEETING ACCOMMODATIONS.

Charles A. Chace,
Robert P. Gifford,
Olney T. Meader,
Owen Dame,
N. Hervey Wilbur,
George Howland, Jr.,
Reuben T. Jones,
Augustus F. Cox,
Richard Battey,
George F. Varney,
Caleb Jones,
Alfred H. Jones,
Samuel Buffum,
Asa C. Tuttle,
Levi Jones,
Henry Winslow,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Mary Alice Gifford,
Mary Alice Brown,
Lydia C. Neal,
Anna G. Wood,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Anna F. Hall,
Huldah H. Leighton,
Mary A. Battey,
Esther Osborne,
Elizabeth K. Jones,
Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Lydia M. C. Tuttle,
Gulielma M. Purinton,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Mary G. Winslow.

50. The Committee on Finance report as follows, viz. : —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Yearly Meeting :

We recommend that the following appropriations be made, viz. :—

For Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	$595 00
Bible Schools	100 00
Amount carried forward,	$695 00

Amount brought forward,	$695 00	
Foreign Missions	750 00	
Freedmen	1,000 00	
Aid to Friends in British Provinces	50 00	
Temperance	200 00	
Peace	50 00	
Education	100 00	
		$2,845 00

For the Committee,

OWEN DAME.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 15th, 1885.

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each.

51. The Clerk is authorized to sign, on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend Stephen Taber, viz. : — " Stephen Taber attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us ;" and similar ones for Cornelius D. Barnes, Jehu and Sarah W. Newlin, Jeremiah S. Cox, Levi Cox, James R. Jones, Seth C. and Huldah A. Rees, Caroline E. Talbot, Phebe Hoyle, Ann Gause, Susan Ratliff, Addison White, Evi Sharpless, Catharine Hoag and Frank Modoc.

52. The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend Mary Ann Potter, viz. : — " Mary Ann Potter attended this Meeting ; Her company has been acceptable to us," and similar ones to Ann Hobson, Eliza H. White, Eliza J. Lindley and Abbie G. Mendenhall.

53. A letter was received from James W. Bashford, of the Methodist Conference of Maine, informing this Meeting that Wm. F. Berry, of Woodfords, was appointed a delegate by that Conference at its last session to convey fraternal greetings to this Meeting. We regret that the delegate by some misunderstanding was unable to be present. We have appointed as delegates to that Conference to be held in Bridgton, Maine, next year, our friends Charles C. Varney and Rebecca H. Smiley, and as substitutes Eli Jones and Ruth S. Murray.

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of the substance of this Minute.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. — The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

54. We have with us at this time the company of our brother J. W. Parsons bringing to us the salutations of the Western Yearly Meeting of Free Baptists, now sitting in Portland. We are glad of the bond which unites us in Christian fellowship in Him " in whom the whole family in Heaven and earth is named." There may be differences of practice but the one grand object of all Christians should be to labor to restore upon the earth the New Testament type of Christianity. We appoint our Friends Henry C. Aydelott, Wm. Penn Macomber, Ruth S. Murray and Emeline H. Tuttle to attend the above Meeting with a copy of this Minute signed by our Clerks.

55. The following communication to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union was adopted by this Meeting, viz.: — " The Yearly Meeting of Friends in New England, assembled in Portland, Maine, Sixth Month 17th, 1885, would express their sympathy with the N. W. C. T. U. in their work, and desire their encouragement."

56. The Meeting was brought under an earnest concern that the Spirituality of the Gospel and its advocacy by Ministers and others, shall be maintained inviolate. The following Minute on the subject was directed to our Subordinate Meetings. We desire to protect our membership from all influences which are not in accordance with the clear testimony of our Religious Society and the teaching of the New Testament. We believe in the Spiritual nature of Christ's kingdom, and that all outward ceremonies have been fulfilled and ended in Christ. This Meeting records its judgment for the guidance of its Subordinate Meetings, that those holding or teaching a contrary doctrine cannot be received as acceptable Ministers of the Society of Friends, within our limits.

57. Women Friends now withdrew and the men proceeded with their business in separate Session.

58. We appoint the following Committee to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also, to

propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, who now are or may then be under appointment, viz. : —

John F. Tucker,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Levi Jones,
Augustus F. Cox,
George Douglas,
Ezra Hawkes,
Eli Jones.

59. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed; and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

60. Epistles to London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, Indiana, Ohio, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and a Joint Epistle to Brumana Monthly Meeting were read and approved; the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

61. We realize at this solemn parting moment, that another Annual Assembly of Friends for New England is brought to a close, and that many and varied have been the subjects which have claimed its attention. We remember that at our opening session it was our earnest desire, vocally expressed, that each subject brought before us might be carefully and prayerfully considered, and now we have thankfully to acknowledge that our loving Lord has been graciously pleased to be with us, and under the influence of His felt presence, we have been permitted to transact the affairs of the Church in much harmony and love.

We now conclude, proposing to meet again in Newport, R. I., on the second Sixth-day of the Sixth Month, next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

NOTE. — The Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting are: —

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., New Bedford, Mass.
JOSEPH CARTLAND, Newburyport, Mass.

MINUTES

OF THE

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1885.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 12th, 1885.

Reports have been received from all our Quarterly Meetings, informing us that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz. :—

FROM RHODE ISLAND. — Huldah M. Beede, Sarah F. Tobey, Louisa N. Meader, Rachel Anthony, Adeline F. Chace, Harriet D. Collins, Electa J. Collins, Ellen K. Buffum, Elizabeth S. Newton and Julia A. Buffinton.

FROM SALEM. — Gertrude W. Cartland, Lydia C. Neal, Susan L. Meader, Alice W. Maxfield, Mary Alice Brown, H. Elizabeth Jones, Mary Almy Chase, Susan H. Meader and Sarah P. Hill.

FROM SANDWICH. — Elizabeth C. Wing, Lydia B. Dillingham, Mary Hafford, Susan S. Tripp, Hetty E. Howland, Hannah A. Brightman, Charity G. Chace, Mary Abbie Swift, Ruth S. Murray, Rebecca H. Howland, Olive D. Howland, Mary S. Wood, Angeline Ricketson and Mary S. Macomber.

FROM FALMOUTH. — Phebe L. Pope, Mary A. Maxfield, Lydia A. Cartland, Lydia M. Pope, Phebe P. Jones, L. Maria Jones, Maria A. Bean, S. Jane Cox, Myra E. Frye, Miriam C. Webber and Kate M. Goddard.

FROM SMITHFIELD. — Mary A. Battey, Susan Ann Gifford, Maria Aldrich, Abbie W. Randall, Lydia A. Phelps, Lydia Haight, Abigail Wheeler and Salome C. Wheeler.

FROM VASSALBORO. — Eliza P. Pierce, Eliza A. Taber, Sarah E. Varney, Mary R. Jones, Mary E. Philbrook, Mary C. Jones, Jane A. Varney, Rachel B. Nichols, Hannah T. Jenkins, Elizabeth K. Jones and Sylvena Prescott.

From Dover. — Mary H. Morrell, Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Emeline H. Tuttle, Huldah S. Buffum, Mary G. Estes and Martha A. Roberts.

From Fairfield. — Sarah M. Richardson, Mary G. Winslow, Hannah J. Bailey, Mary C. Hawkes, Mary W. Jones, Lizzie M. Hawkes and Lavinia M. Briggs.

The Representatives, being called, were all present except thirteen, for the absence of six, satisfactory reasons were assigned.

Epistles from our dear sisters of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, and Indiana Yearly Meetings have been acceptably read at this time. The reading of the remainder was referred to a future sitting.

We have appointed a Nominating Committee to present the names of Friends to prepare essays of reply thereto.

Our friends, Mary S. Buffinton, Lydia C. Neal, Anna M. Hussey, Susan S. Tripp, Louisa N. Meader and Susan A. Gifford, are appointed to prepare a Summary of Answers to the Queries received from our several Quarterly Meetings, and present it at a future sitting.

We have come up to this Annual Meeting with mingled feelings, some joyously celebrating the praises of their covenant God ; some with sorrow, under a sense of loss and bereavement, and others bending under the burdens of life which press heavily upon them. But the Great Head of the Church has been pleased to manifest Himself amongst us, uniting our hearts in His love, and giving us the assurance that He is still ready to bless.

We adjourn to meet this afternoon at half-past three o'clock in joint session.

Afternoon. — Met according to adjournment.

For business transacted see page 7.

Women Friends then withdrew and assembled in separate session.

Huldah M. Beede on behalf of the Representatives informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing Anna G. Wood for

Clerk, and Ruth S. Murray for Assistant Clerk, which nominations being severally approved they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

Certificates of unity have been read for the following named Friends in the Ministry, viz.: — Stephen Taber and Cornelius D. Barnes, from New York Yearly Meeting; Jehu and Sarah W. Newlin, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting; Jeremiah S. Cox, Levi Cox and James R. Jones, from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Caroline E. Talbot, Phebe Hoyle, Seth C. and Huldah A. Rees, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Ann Gause and Susan Ratliff, from Indiana Yearly Meeting; Addison White and Evi Sharpless from Iowa Yearly Meeting; and Catharine Hoag, from Canada Yearly Meeting, and Frank Modoc from Kansas Yearly Meeting.

Satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, have also been read for Eliza H. White, companion to her husband Addison White; Ann Hobson, an Elder, companion to Phebe Hoyle; Mary Ann Potter, an Elder, companion to Caroline E. Talbot; and Abby G. Mendenhall and Eliza J. Lindley, Elders, from Iowa Yearly Meeting.

We cordially welcome these messengers of the Lord, and our hearts are touched with a sense of the love of our Heavenly Father in sending them among us, and their love in coming, and we desire that they may be so led and guided that their service while with us may be blessed.

We unite with Men Friends in the appointment of a Committee to prepare returning Minutes, if way should open, for Friends in attendance of this Meeting with certificates. The Committee is as follows, viz.: — Sarah Ellen Varney, Anne M. Ray, Sarah S. Hawkes, Electa Jane Collins, Lydia A. Cartland, and Mary C. Hawkes.

The reading of the remaining epistles from our sisters of Western, Iowa, Kansas and Canada Yearly Meetings was concluded. We have been united in sisterly love by the receipt of these greetings, and our hearts were filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father, who is thus watching over His vineyard and blessing the labor of His servants in the East and the West, the North and the South.

The Committee appointed at the Morning Session, presented the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence, which being approved by the Meeting they are accordingly appointed to that service with the exception of two who requested to be released. The Committee is as follows: — Phebe S. Aydelott, Rebecca Anthony, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Mary Almy Chase, Susan T. Thompson, Rebecca H. Smiley, Mary E. Gifford, Salome C. Wheeler, Susan Ann Gifford, E. Ada Haffard, Ellen Winslow, Mary W. Jones, Adeline F. Chace, Ellen C. Jones, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Alice W. Maxfield, Anna M. Hussey, Almira B. Buffum, M. Augusta Battey, Sarah A. Hill, Emeline H. Tuttle, Hannah S. Wing, H. Elizabeth Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, Sarah M. Richardson, Phebe Wadsworth and Gulielma C. Wood.

By information from the Men's Meeting we learn that the request has come up from two of the Quarterly Meetings that there be a revision of that portion of the Discipline relating to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. We appoint the following named Friends to take this subject into consideration and report at a future sitting, viz.: — Ellen K. Buffum, Mary Alice Gifford, Lydia C. Neal, Mary Alice Brown, Ruth S. Murray, Anna G. Wood, Lydia A. Cartland, S. Jane Cox, Lydia Haight, Mary A. Battey, Rachel B. Nichols, Hannah T. Jenkins, Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Anna M. Hussey, Martha B. Osborn and Hannah J. Bailey.

We adjourn to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

See pages 9–18.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, THE 15TH. Met according to adjournment.

By the Report from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting we are informed that Sarah A. Holmes appeals to this Meeting from its decision, and that it has appointed a Committee to represent it in the case. Whereupon we appoint our friends, Ellen K. Buffum, Phebe S. Aydelott, Susan L. Meader, Mary E. Newhall, Anna F. Hall, Huldah H. Leighton, Susan Ann Gifford, Lydia Haight, Mary C. Jones, Hannah T. Jenkins, Emeline H. Tuttle, Anna M. Hussey, Mary C. Hawkes and Hannah J. Bailey, to hear the parties in the case, and report their judgment to a future sitting of this Meeting.

The Meeting then entered upon the consideration of the state of our Religious Society as presented by the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, and proceeded as far as the second inclusive.

We unite with Men Friends in referring a proposition from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting to the Committee already appointed to consider requests from the Quarterly Meetings of Rhode Island and Falmouth. — (See p. 8.)

We also unite with them in granting the request from Dover Quarterly Meeting. — (See p. 8.)

We adjourn to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Met pursuant to adjournment.

The consideration of the State of Society was resumed and the remaining Queries and Answers were read.

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

Answer 1. — All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held and duly attended, with the exception of nineteen in six Quarterly Meetings. Two Quarters report a few omitted, and one Quarter reports a Mid-week Meeting omitted, not so much from lack of interest as inability to attend. The hour is nearly observed. Three Meetings not clear of unbecoming behavior. Some care has been taken.

Ans. 2. — Love and unity are in a good measure maintained by most Friends, while it is much wanting in a few. Detraction not sufficiently guarded against. Care is taken to end differences when they appear.

Ans. 3. — We believe most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, yet we think that a deeper sense of responsibility in the training of children would result in greater blessing.

Ans. 4. — We believe Friends, with some exception from two Quarterly Meetings, frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually and collectively in their families, encouraging their children and those under their care in this religious duty. A few Quarters report that our testimony to a free Gospel ministry is not fully maintained.

Ans. 5. — Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. We think more care is needed on the part of some, to avoid diversions and amusements inconsistent with a Christian character. Moderation is generally observed.

Ans. 6. — The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and care is extended in the education of their children.

Ans. 7. — We believe these testimonies are faithfully upheld with a little deficiency in one Quarterly Meeting.

Ans. 8. — We believe Friends are careful in these respects with a few exceptions.

Ans. 9. — Clear as to records. A few removals without certificates which are under notice.

Ans. 10. — Friends endeavor to carry out the requisitions of the Discipline in a Christian spirit, and impartially, but not always as timely as would be best.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

The State of Society as brought before us by the Answers to the Queries elicited counsel and encouragement from the Lord's servants now with us.

We listen to the command to love "God with all our hearts," and its attendant, "and thy neighbor as thyself," and our hearts fail us. How can these things be? But the comforting assurance comes, that He gives no command without also bestowing the power to fulfil.

The absence of hate is not love. The measure is given to us by our Saviour, who says: "Love one another, as I have loved you." We should increase in love to Him, and, coming nearer and nearer to Christ, grow in grace and in love, not only to each other, but also to our enemies. On our knees before God let us pray for those who seem to be opposed to us, and the sting of their revilings will be removed from our hearts, as we are thus engaged.

We were exhorted to remember the command, "Judge not." If our hearts are filled with love, there will be no room for evil surmisings or prejudice, but the spirit of our Lord will be manifested in word and deed. May we always bear in mind that a lack of Christian courtesy is one of "the little foxes that spoil the tender vines," and if we are Christians, let us be Christ-like. The careful and prayerful training of the children entrusted to our care was felt to be a subject of vital importance.

While mothers are careful of the health and education of their children, are they watching over the welfare of their souls? A mistake is sometimes made in considering children too young to be converted. The Master said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me;" and His loving Spirit often touches the heart in very early life, and draws the child to Christ.

Mothers were exhorted to consecrate their children to the Lord, even at their birth. They belong to Him! They are His for His work, and their training should be for Him. Have patience with the children; let not the fretfulness or anger of the mother turn away the sons or daughters from the home circle. We must not only profess the love of Christ, but also manifest His power in our every day life. By constant, loving intercourse with the children, retaining their confidence and encouraging them in what is good, mothers will have great influence over them.

Above all things, we were reminded of the power of prayer. It may be difficult to assemble the family for united worship, but how dare we attempt the duties of the day without seeking His help, who alone can give us power to perform them. Pray with the children, teach them by precept and example what a privilege it is to be allowed to carry everything to our Father in prayer. Many a wayward child has been touched, while the mother has poured forth the desires of her soul on its behalf, and the answer to the prayer of faith will come in God's own time and way.

As the Queries have been read, the conviction was renewed, that our testimony in regard to them is to be not only negative, but also an active, living, positive witness to the power of God, bringing forth the fruits of holiness unto His praise.

A loving Christian greeting from the Monthly Meeting of Friends on Mt. Lebanon has been acceptably read at this time, and is referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on the income of the Mosher Fund have presented a Report—(See p. 19.) which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee is re-appointed for the ensuing year.

The Joint Committee appointed for that purpose, propose the names of Friends to take charge of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School at Providence the ensuing year, which are satisfactory, and they are accordingly appointed. —(See p. 26.)

A table of statistics, compiled from the Reports received from our eight Quarterly Meetings was now read. — (See p. 22.)

The Committee on Mission Work in North Carolina and other States of the South, have presented an interesting Report of their work during the past year. We unite with Men Friends in now discontinuing the Committee, and we appoint Hannah J. Bailey to unite with Charles M. Jones in using the funds remaining in the hands of the Committee " in aiding the Schools and Mission Work, where in the discretion of the Committee it seems most needed." — (See p. 25.)

A Report has been received from the Committee having charge of the scattered members of our Society residing in the British Provinces, which is accepted by the Meeting, and the same Committee are re-appointed to continue their labor of love for the ensuing year. — (See p. 22.)

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.—(see pp. 32–46.)

AFTERNOON.—Met at 4 o'clock.

The Committee appointed on Second-day morning in reference to the appeal of Sarah A. Holmes, have presented the following report, viz. :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS:

The Committee appointed on account of the appeal of Sarah A. Holmes from the judgment of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, having heard the evidence in the case, confirm the decision of said Quarterly Meeting.

Ellen K. Buffum,
Phebe S. Aydelott,
Susan L. Meader,
Mary E. Newhall,
Anna F. Hall,
Huldah H. Leighton,
Susan A. Gifford,
Lydia Haight,
Mary C. Jones,
Hannah T. Jenkins,
Emeline H. Tuttle,
Anna M. Hussey,
Mary C. Hawkes,
Hannah J. Bailey.

Peace Jones is appointed to notify Sarah A. Holmes of this decision, and the Clerk is requested to inform Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

A Summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read.—(See p. 26.)

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society presented the following Report, viz. :—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society that sprang into life one year ago under your fostering care, in making this, its First Annual Report, would acknowledge the bountiful goodness of our Heavenly Father in blessing our efforts, so that, while we have been striving to help others, we have ourselves been abundantly blessed of the Lord, and drawn into nearer communion with each other and with Him.

There has been an increase of 300 per cent. in membership since the beginning of the year, making the present number about 619. There are 32 auxiliaries in the Yearly Meeting, with an average membership of 20. The meetings of these auxiliaries in cities have been regularly held. In the country, inclement weather and bad roads have made some of the meetings small, and some have been omitted. But the interest has been maintained, and many, who cannot meet with the circles, work at home, some among the aged, and some among quite young children.

RHODE ISLAND. — Sarah Caroline Tobey, Vice President. The work seems to have met with a cordial response in our six auxiliaries, and willing hearts and hands have done what they could to advance the good cause. In most of our auxiliaries, sewing circles have been held. Garments and bedding have been made, and one box has been sent to Syria, the receipt of which has been acknowledged. Sometimes we have sold the work at home, and sent the money to the foreign mission cause. The little ones at Providence have made scrap-books for the children in Syrian hospitals. Our work thus far has been mostly for Syria and Jamaica.

SALEM. — Mary Almy Chase, Vice President. Five auxiliaries. We are glad so many of us are beginning to realize that God has something for us to do in the great work of evangelizing the nations of the earth. The Boston auxiliary is interested in the mission for the education of girls in India. Four auxiliaries have united in preparing a box of clothing for the orphanage at Matamoras, Mexico. Boston and Lynn societies have listened to talks by missionaries returned from India and Mexico, whereby their interest and zeal in the missionary cause has been increased and deepened.

SANDWICH. — Hannah S. Wing, Vice President. In our six auxiliaries, the interest is increasing. We welcome the *Missionary Advocate* as an educator and helper in the work. A Christmas box with twenty-five boys' caps, as many girls' aprons, cloth picture books, basted patchwork and some underclothing was sent to our school at Brumana, and a box of books and other presents to Lillie Neiger and Ora Osborne, which were thankfully acknowledged by them. Thirty dollars was sent to the hospital at Brumana, the proceeds of a sale of fancy articles.

FALMOUTH. — Myra E. Frye, Vice President. Three auxiliaries. Several articles of clothing have been prepared and sent to M. C. Kimber for the Syrian Mission, and the children are interested in piecing up quilts for the new home at Ramallah. The *Advocate* is taken and much appreciated by us. We endeavor to read something on Mission work at every meeting. Although the work accomplished has been small, we are thankful for what we have been able to do, praying that each succeeding year may find us more earnest in the work.

SMITHFIELD. — Esther Osborne, Vice President. Two auxiliaries. In addition to the work of these auxiliaries, we have one missionary society formed some time ago which has not re-organized but is in correspondence with our Corresponding Secretary at Newport. Our Bible Schools also support one girl at the Training Home at Brumana.

VASSALBORO. — Ruthanna H. Nichols, Vice President. Two public meetings have been held in one of our two auxiliaries, spreading the interest and adding to the treasury. In the other the meeting is held at the close of the Monthly Meeting and is attended by many not now members. Our members are much interested and earnestly working in the cause.

DOVER. — Anna M. Hussey, Vice President. Three auxiliaries. During the summer and autumn our Societies were interested in preparing articles for the Christmas boxes sent to the Training Home and Hospital at Brumana. After that, all our sewing work was donated to Jamaica and all our money to Syria. There has been no lack of interest and enthusiasm in the work.

Fairfield. — Harriet N. Jones, Vice President. Five auxiliaries. We have throughout our Quarterly Meeting felt it to be a real delight to do our little for Him who has done so much for us.

ALICE W. MAXFIELD, *Secretary.*

Womens' Foreign Missionary Society, in account with Hannah J. Bailey, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

At Newport Yearly Meeting, Sixth Month 20th, 1884	$70 56
From R. I. Quarterly Meeting, S. C. Tobey, Vice Pres.	145 51
Salem Quarterly Meeting, Mary Almy Chase, Vice Pres.	64 50
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, Hannah S. Wing, Vice Pres.	90 65
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, Esther Osborne, Vice Pres.	34 00
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, Myra E. Frye	27 25
Dover Quarterly Meeting, Anna M. Hussey, Vice Pres.	19 00
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, R. H. Nichols, Vice Pres.	22 50
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, Harriet N. Jones, Vice Pres.	94 00
Total	$567 97
Paid out	18 12
Balance on hand	$549 85

HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Treasurer.*

Portland, Sixth Month 12th, 1885.

According to appointment I have audited the above account and find it correct.

M. AUGUSTA BATTEY, *Auditor.*

Sixth Month 16th, 1885.

We thankfully commemorate the loving care of our Heavenly Father over this little service of love for Him.

The following named Friends were appointed as officers of the Society for the coming year, and the work was again commended to them, with the desire that even more may be accomplished in the next year than has been in the past.

President — Ruth S. Murray,
Vice Presidents — Phebe S. Aydelott, Huldah H. Leighton.
Corresponding Secretary — Margaret C. Kimber.
Recording Secretary — Alice W. Maxfield.

Treasurer — Hannah J. Bailey.

Quarterly Meeting Vice Presidents:

S. Caroline Tobey,
Mary Jane Gifford,
Esther Osborne,
Mary Almy Chase,
Myra E. Frye,
Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Anna M. Hussey,
Harriet N. Jones.

The Committee for the improvement of the Freedmen of the South have presented their Seventh Annual Report, also a Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tennessee, under the care of William P. Hastings.—(See p. 28.)

These Reports are acceptable to the Meeting, and we unite with Men Friends in committing the superintendence of this work for the coming year to the care of the same committee.

The Trustees of the George Sturge Fund have presented their Report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting.—(See p. 31.)

An epistle addressed to our dear sisters of Dublin Yearly Meeting has been acceptably read.

Changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting.—(See p. 5.)

Our hearts are touched in remembrance of those who have passed from the Church militant to the Church triumphant in Heaven. We mourn the loss of our dear mothers and sisters with whom we have lovingly held sweet communion; but we feel that our part now is, to seek to pursue the course designed for us, following them, as they followed Christ.

The Committee appointed for that purpose have presented the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Foreign Mission Work.—(See p. 52.)

The Report of the Committee on Peace was now read and accepted by the Meeting, and we appoint a committee to nominate a committee to take charge of this interesting subject the ensuing year.—(See p. 49.)

The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools was presented and read, and was satisfactory to the Meeting; the same committee, with the exception of John Metcalfe and the addition of Mary S. Wood, Ruthanna H. Nichols, and Sarah A. Hill, was appointed to take charge of this department of our work for the ensuing year. —(See p. 46).

We unite with Men Friends in the appointment of a committee to nominate a committee to consider the better accommodation of this Yearly Meeting in 1887.

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING THE 17TH. Met according to adjournment.

The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer have attended to their appointment, and report. — (See p. 50.) . The Report is accepted, and we unite with Men Friends in the appointment of George Howland, Jr. as Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness as Treasurer of the School funds.

The committee to whom the requests from Rhode Island, Sandwich, and Falmouth Quarterly Meetings were referred, have presented a Report, (See p. 50.) which is acceptable to the Meeting and its recommendations are adopted.

The committee appointed for that purpose have presented the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Peace.—(See p. 53.)

A letter was received from James W. Bashford, of the Methodist Conference of Maine, informing this Meeting that Wm. F. Berry, of Woodfords, was appointed a delegate by that Conference at its last session to convey fraternal greetings to this Meeting. We regret that the delegate by some misunderstanding was unable to be present. We have appointed as delegates to that Conference to be held in Bridgton, Maine, next year, our friends Charles C. Varney and Rebecca H. Smiley, and as substitutes Eli Jones and Ruth S. Murray.

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of the substance of this Minute.

The Friends appointed to nominate a committee to consider the subject of providing suitable accommodations for the Yearly Meeting in 1887, have presented the names of Friends which, being united with in concurrence, they are accordingly appointed to that service.—(See p. 53.)

The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and its proceedings were approved by this Meeting.

A joint epistle to our dear Friends of Brumana Monthly Meeting, together with essays of epistles to our beloved sisters of London, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, North Carolina and Western Yearly Meetings, have been read and approved by this Meeting.

The Report of the Committee on Finance has been read and accepted in concurrence with Men Friends.—(See p. 53.)

We adjourn to meet in joint session this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON.—Met according to adjournment.

After a short sitting assembled in separate session.

The Representatives being called were present except thirty-five.

Essays of epistles to our dear sisters of Indiana, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings have been read and approved; these, with those read at previous sittings, are directed to be signed on our behalf and forwarded to those Meetings respectively.

A loving letter prepared for the children has also been read and approved. The Clerk having the concurrence of the Men's Meeting, is authorized to procure the printing of thirty-five hundred copies, in suitable form, and to call on the Treasurer for the expense incurred, also to procure the printing of the Minutes of this Meeting, (omitting the Reports of the joint committees, and the Minutes of the Meeting in joint session,) and also the epistles received from our sisters of other Yearly Meetings for circulation among our members.

We accept the proposition from the Men's Meeting to appoint two Friends to unite with a similar number from their Meeting, to visit the Western Yearly Meeting of Free Baptists now in session at Portland, and present to them the Minute prepared this afternoon in joint session. Ruth S. Murray and Emeline H. Tuttle, are appointed for that service.

The Committee appointed to prepare returning minutes for ministering Friends and others in attendance of this Meeting with certificates, have presented the following for our friend Caroline E. Talbot:—"Our beloved friend Caroline E. Talbot attended this Meeting; her company and religious services have been acceptable to us." Similar minutes are also prepared for our friends Stephen Taber, Cornelius D. Barnes, Jehu and Sarah W. Newlin, Jeremiah S. Cox, Levi Cox, James R. Jones, Phebe Hoyle, Seth

C. and Huldah A. Rees, Ann Gause, Susan Ratliff, Addison White, Evi Sharpless, Catharine Hoag and Frank Modoc.

The Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf.

The Clerk is further authorized to sign the following minute for our friend Eliza H. White: — "Our dear friend Eliza H. White attended this Meeting; her company has been acceptable to us." Similar ones are also prepared for Ann Hobson, Mary Ann Potter, Abbie G. Mendenhall, and Eliza J. Lindley.

As we conclude the business of this Meeting we feel constrained to commemorate the power and love of the Great Head of the Church, who has presided over our deliberations. "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

He has been pleased to give wisdom in the duties which have come before us, and has so united our hearts in love that all has been done in the unity of the Spirit.

And now as we separate, we would commend each other to the inexhaustible love of God in Christ Jesus, and unite in the ascription, "Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as Head above all."

We conclude, proposing to meet again at Newport, R. I., at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

ANNA G. WOOD, *Clerk.*

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

(Omitted on page 54.)

Rhode Island. — Samuel R. Buffinton.
Salem. — Owen Dame.
Sandwich. — George Howland, Jr.
Falmouth. — Augustus F. Cox.
Smithfield. — Richard Battey.
Vassalboro. — William A. Jones.
Dover. — Jacob K. Purinton.
Fairfield. — Levi Jones.

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FOR

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MINUTES OF THE MEN'S MEETING.

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1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport, R.I., commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 11th, 1886.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.:

From Rhode Island — Anthony M. Kimber, Charles A. Chace, Darius Buffinton, Henry C. Aydelott, Augustine Jones, Benjamin F. Knowles, Robert P. Gifford, George M. Chace, Thomas Harkness, Mahlon Chace and Charles W. Earle.

From Salem. — Owen Dame, Moses Huntington, William O. Newhall, Daniel C. Maxfield, Thomas Wood, Olney T. Meader, Joshua Buxton, Charles H. Thorndike and Peter M. Neal.

From Sandwich — George Howland, Jr., Joseph Ewer, Ephraim Gifford, Edward G. Dillingham, Stephen R. Wing, Gideon Gifford, David K. Akin, Arnold G. Tripp, Robert B. Taber, Thomas A. Tripp, N. Hervey Wilbur and George R. Wood.

From Falmouth — Charles W. Webber, Reuben T. Jones, Ezra Hawkes, Silas H. Cartland, George Douglas, John J. Frye, Charles W. Goddard, Charles A. Nichols, Alvano C. Goddard, Augustus F. Cox, Albert F. Minott and Edward S. Hacker.

From Smithfield — William Aldrich, Isaac Steere, Richard Battey, James O. Inman, Paul A. Randall, Henry D. Swift and Thomas A. Wheeler.

From Vassalboro — Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Hartwell A. Jenkins, William H. Cates, William A. Jones, Caleb Jones, and James C. Pierce.

From Dover — Timothy B. Hussey, Oliver Meader, Asa C. Tuttle, John B. Cartland, William P. Tuttle, William P. Jenkins and Job Varney.

From Fairfield — Joseph E. Briggs, George Richardson, I. Warren Hawkes, Paul Wing, Cyrus Estes and Isaac Winslow.

Whose names being called, they were present except eleven, for the absence of four of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends Rebecca Collins, Jonathan DeVoll, Joseph Knowles and Sarah W. Congdon, from New York Yearly Meeting; William L. Pearson and Jesse McPherson, from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; John P. Pennington, John Carey and Elwood Scott, from Indiana Yearly Meeting; and Mary J. H. Chappell, from Western Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

4. We have also the acceptable company of Daniel T. Jones, an Elder and companion to John Carey; and Mary F. Walton, companion to her mother, Rebecca Collins, with satisfactory credentials from their friends at home.

5. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Yearly Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning Minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following named Friends, viz.: — Gideon Wood, Henry C. Aydelott, Richard Battey, Owen Dame, Benjamin F. Knowles, Charles W. Webber and George Howland, Jr.

6. Epistles have been received at this time from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond except London. Those from Ireland, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas, have been read. A joint Epistle from New York is received, the reading of which is deferred to a joint session which may be held at an early date.

7. We appoint a Committee to nominate a Committee on Correspondence, and report at a future sitting.

8. The following proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting is received, viz: — "A suggestion from one of our Monthly Meet-

ings in regard to a 'combined action of all the Yearly Meetings of Friends, with a view to influence governments on the question of International Arbitration,' has claimed our attention, and it is concluded to refer the subject to the Yearly Meeting, with the hope that it may find a way to make some definite movement in the matter," which we conclude to refer to the following named Friends to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends, and report their judgment thereon at a future sitting, viz: — William Thompson, Charles W. Goddard, Isaac Steere, William A. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, I. Warren Hawkes, Samuel Austin and Charles H. Thorndike.

9. The following propositions from Falmouth and Vassalboro Quarterly Meetings are referred to the united Representatives now in attendance of this Meeting, viz: — From Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, "This Meeting is united in asking that the Yearly Meeting be held in Portland, Me., next year; also in requesting that the word 'beverage' be stricken from the 5th Query." And from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting; "This Meeting is united in asking that the Yearly Meeting may be held in Portland, Me., in 1887."

10. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz: —

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Susan H. Almy and Sarah Almy to the station of Elder, and the addition of two Friends as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; and with Swansea Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Lemuel Chace to the station of Elder; and has also united with the same Monthly Meeting in releasing Charles A. Chace from the station of Elder upon his own request; with Providence Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Benjamin F. Knowles to the station of Elder; and with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth N. Perry and Mary S. Collins to the same station. Margaret Anthony, an Elder and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, died Tenth Month 29th, 1885, aged 77 years, 2 months and 23 days. Lois Perry, an Elder and member of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, died Ninth Month 3d, 1885, aged 89 years, 2 months and 20 days.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that William Chase, an Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died Seventh Month 8th, 1885, aged 72 years and 10 days, and that William O. Newhall has been appointed Correspondent of the same Monthly Meeting, in place of Moses F. Rogers, deceased — Address, Lynn, Mass. A Preparative Meeting has been established by Amesbury Monthly Meeting, at Pittsfield, N.H., with Meetings for worship to be held on First-day, at 10.30 A.M., and on Fifth-day at 7 P.M.; that it has united with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of James Hyde and Thomas Wood to the station of Elder; also with the same Monthly Meeting in a revision of its list of members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight — seven in number. Boston Monthly Meeting has established a Meeting for worship in Lawrence, Mass., to be held at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, on First-day at 10.30 A.M., and on Fourth-day at 7.30 P.M.; also a Preparative Meeting, to be held on Seventh-day following the first Mid-week Meeting in each Month, at 4 P.M.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Charity G. Moore to the station of Elder, and that Rebecca A. Gifford, an Elder and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Twelfth Month 10th, 1885, aged 77 years, 3 months and 5 days; that Moses Smith, an Elder and member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 14th, 1885, aged 81 years, 9 months and 11 days; that William C. Taber, an Elder and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 23d, 1886, aged 89 years and 26 days; and that Isaac R. Potter has been appointed Correspondent of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, in place of Moses Smith, deceased — Address, North Dartmouth, Mass.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that Jane C. Minott, a Minister and member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 21st, 1886, aged 76 years and 7 months; that it has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Charles W. Goddard, and in the appointment of Albert H. Jones, Leonard Lunt, James E. Goddard and Almira A. Goddard to the station of Elder, and in the appointment of three members to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; that it has united with Windham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Silas F. Strout, and in the appointment of John T. Fellows and

John Hacker Hall to the station of Elder; also in the appointment of five members to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Minerva Farnum, an Elder and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, died First Month 28th, 1886, aged 78 years and 1 month; that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Esther Osborne, David B. Grover, and Ann A. Briggs, to the station of Elder.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public ministry of Sarah B. Goddard; and in the appointment of William H. Cates, Etta S. Cates and Lydia T. Robinson, to the station of Elder; and with China Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Elizabeth K. Jones to the same station; and in the addition of seven members to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Dorcas B. Smiley, a Minister and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 8th, 1885, aged 71 years, 1 month and 23 days.

Dover Quarterly Meeting, reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public ministry of William P. Tuttle; that the time of holding Dover Monthly Meeting has been changed to the Fourth-day before the second Fifth-day in each month; that Jacob K. Purinton, an Elder and member of Dover Monthly Meeting, died Fifth Month 1st, 1886, aged 78 years, 11 months and 29 days; and that Ira T. Jenkins has been appointed Correspondent of Dover Monthly Meeting, in place of Jacob K. Purinton, deceased—Address, Dover, N.H.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Obed Allen, an Elder and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 23d, 1885, aged 81 years, 4 months and 15 days; and that Sarah Sherman, an Elder and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Seventh Month 25th, 1885, aged 78 years; Isaac Farr, an Elder and member of Winthrop Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 24th, 1885, aged 69 years, 9 months and 7 days.

11. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid, or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportion of stock called for last year.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Met pursuant to adjournment.

12. George Howland, Jr., on behalf of the representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William O. Newhall for Clerk, and Timothy B. Hussey and Daniel C. Maxfield for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being severally approved, they are accordingly appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

13. In consequence of the absence of three members of the Committee of Arrangements, this Meeting concludes to add Thomas Wood, Charles M. Jones and Robert P. Gifford to that Committee, for service during the remainder of this Yearly Meeting.

14. The Statistical Account, received from our Quarterly Meetings, was now read, and is as follows, viz: —

STATISTICAL ACCOUNT.

	Number reported last year.	Error in last year's report. — Gain.	Error in last year's report. — Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present Number.
Rhode Island .	719	0	0	2	13	1	4	61	7	40	0	759
Salem	683	0	1	3	21	9	10	9	3	0	14	669
Sandwich . . .	675	0	0	2	20	3	0	1	3	0	17	658
Falmouth . . .	669	0	0	5	10	11	11	28	9	14	0	683
Smithfield . . .	385	2	0	1	10	0	0	4	0	0	3	382
Vassalboro . .	480	0	3	3	15	10	4	22	5	8	0	488
Dover	285	0	0	3	10	3	3	2	2	0	7	278
Fairfield	474	0	0	1	7	0	11	42	4	21	0	495
Total	4370	2	4	20	106	37	43	169	33	83	41	4412
Total Gain . .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	42		

15. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, presented their Annual Report, viz: —

REPORT OF BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the Boarding School, in again presenting their Annual Report, can but little more than repeat what they have heretofore said, that the School continues its onward progress, steadily, faithfully, and in a great degree to their satisfaction.

The number of scholars in attendance has not been as large as in some former years. This falling off in numbers does not apply solely to our School, but it obtains in many private schools as well. The decrease in numbers may be attributed in part to the depressed condition of the business of the country at large, and also in part, perhaps largely, to the higher standard of our public schools, of which, parents living remote from our School are availing themselves, and thus keeping their children under their immediate care.

The average number of scholars for the past year has been sixty-nine boys, and seventy-six girls, as boarders, and twenty-six day scholars.

The excellent sanitary condition of the household reported last year has continued thus far through the year, which will close on the 22d inst.

The following list comprises the names of the officers of government and instruction for the past year: —

AUGUSTINE JONES, A.M., Principal and Political Science.
WALTER S. MEADER, A.M., Governor and English Studies.
SUSAN S. MOORE, Governess and English Studies.
BESSIE T. WING, History and Literature.
THOMAS J. BATTEY, A.B., Natural Science.
MARY E. RAWSON, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
SOPHIA L. PITMAN, Drawing and Painting.
BENJAMIN W. WELLS, Ph.D., Modern Languages.
ALBERT A. STANLEY, Instrumental Music.
WILMOT R. JONES, A.B., Mental and Moral Science and English.
WILLIAM C. LADD, A.M., Latin, and in charge of School-room.
CHARLES G. FARWELL, A.M., Greek and Latin.
GEORGE A. BARTON, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
CLARA A. WINSLOW, English Studies.
MARY P. HELME, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
ALICE M. JONES, English Studies.
ALLEN W. WEEKS, Mechanic Arts.
LAURA F. WEEKS, Calisthenics.

WILMOT R. JONES, Secretary and Book-keeper.
ANNIE E. EWER, Librarian.

The following Report of the Auditors, made to the Committee in Ninth Month last, gives the condition of the Treasury at the close of the year in Sixth Month last.

PROVIDENCE, Ninth Month 15th, 1885.

To the N. E. Y. M. Boarding School Committee:

The Auditors report the following as the result of the financial operations of the School for the past year.

RECEIPTS.

From the Elizabeth Fry Fund for Board and Tuition	$1,500 00	
From the Philip J. Tripp Fund for Board and Tuition	104 15	
For Board and Tuition from all other sources	38,657 89	
For Study of Languages, Music and other extras . .	3,652 10	
From Treasurer of the "School Fund"	5,843 38	
		$49,757 52

EXPENSES.

For Salaries	$20,182 40	
Wages	7,312 09	
Provisions	10.883 85	
Repairs and renewals	3,353 63	
Water	501 63	
Fuel	1,715 18	
Light	1,011 73	
Papers and periodicals	83 92	
Incidentals	924 91	
Library	254 10	
Improvements	231 60	
City Tax for 1884	2,750 65	
	$49,205 69	
Net profit for one year's work (over taxes and all other expenses)	551 83	
		$49,757 52

The total deficiency of the School at the close of the financial year is $797.89, against $1,349.72 the previous year.

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON,
J. H. CHACE,
ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
} *Auditors.*

During the year a double cottage house has been built on the School premises, and is now occupied by satisfactory tenants. An additional lot of land has been sold, the proceeds from which have been paid to the Treasurer of the School Fund.

In the Ninth Month last, the Committee authorized the introduction into the house of a system of electric clocks, by which a uniform standard of time might be established throughout the several departments, thus systematizing to a very exact point the movements of the family and of the classes in their changes from one recitation room to another; there are two dials, and twelve bells, all indicating the same moment of time in as many rooms. The cost of this improvement has been $474, of which the sum of $300 was donated for the purpose by our Principal, Augustine Jones.

As was foreshadowed in our last report, the bust of Elizabeth Fry safely reached Providence in the Eighth Month last, the unveiling of it occurring on the 29th of Ninth Month.

It may not be generally known that the means for procuring and placing in position this exceedingly beautiful work of art were donated by Ella J. Wheeler, of Boston, to whom the School was already indebted for the generous gift made by her in the year 1881, of the "Elizabeth Fry Fund," the income of which is, by the terms of the gift, to be forever appropriated for the education of "children not in affluence."

The unveiling of the bust was an occasion of very great interest, as was indicated by the presence of the large company gathered in Alumni Hall on that beautiful afternoon, the most peculiar feature of it being that it was in every sense a "woman's celebration," not a male voice being heard in the hall during the entire services. To say that it was a success is superfluous.

The bust stands on a beautifully wrought and highly polished pedestal of Tennessee marble, in the south-east corner of Alumni Hall, opposite that of John Bright, with the portrait of John G. Whittier between them.

The following extract from the Minutes of the Committee, made at their Meeting in Ninth Month last, tells its own story:

"The Committee was informed that our Principal, Augustine Jones, was desirous of the privilege of suspending from the wall of Alumni Hall, a portrait of our late dear friend, Sybil Jones, a donation from himself to the School. The privilege was freely accorded him, and the Clerk was directed to inform him thereof, and also to express to him our gratitude for the gift, and our appreciation of his thoughtfulness and interest in the School in thus placing before us and our scholars the picture of one, who in her day filled a large place in our Society, and who was greatly beloved by all."

A very pleasing incident occurred at our Meeting in the Eighth Month last. A former pupil of the School, who received the benefit of the Charitable Fund from Ninth Month 1880 to Third Month 1881, offered to return to the Treasury of the School the amount thus granted her, as she says in the note making the offer, "not as a deed of charity, but simply a desire to owe no man anything." By direction, a note expressing the pleasure and satisfaction of the Committee in the course proposed, was sent to the person making the offer. The sum of $75.00 was subsequently received by the Principal and paid over to the Treasurer of the School Fund. This is, as we believe, the first instance of the kind in the history of the School.

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School the coming year be the same as for the past two years, viz:—

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$150 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting,	250 00
For all others who may be admitted, ...	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, or German, $10.00; for one year's instruction in Pencil Drawing, $15.00; for one year's instruction in Mechanical and Crayon Drawing and Painting, $30.00.

With gratitude and love to our Heavenly Father for the many mercies received, and with a fervent desire that He will continue His paternal care over our Institution, and that it may receive the kind consideration of the Yearly Meeting, we conclude.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Boarding School, Providence, Sixth Month 1st, 1886.

Note. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 8th, 1886, and closes Second Month 2d, 1887. The Spring Term commences Second Month 2d, 1887, and closes Sixth Month 21st, 1887.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the Third of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date, after which applications, will be acted upon in the order in which they are received.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R.I.

The Report was accepted by the Meeting, and much satisfaction was manifested with it; and a feeling of thankfulness was expressed by a number of Friends, for what the Institution had done for them and theirs. We refer the continued care of the School to the Committee now under appointment.

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Charles F. Coffin,
George Howland, Jr.,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Richard Battey,
James H. Chace,
James O. Inman,
Peter M. Neal,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
Augustus F. Cox,
Robert P. Gifford,
Charles Taber,
Caleb Jones,
Charles C. Varney,
I. Warren Hawkes,
William O. Newhall,
Isaac Oscar Winslow,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Sylvia G. Howland,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Rebecca A. Steere,
Anna G. Wood,
Deborah W. Crosman,
Elizabeth H. Austin,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Esther Jones,
Caroline C. Earle,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Lydia C. Neal,
Ruth S. Murray,
Alice W. Maxfield,
Anna M. Hussey,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,
Ruthanna H. Nichols.

16. We appoint Samuel Austin, Daniel C. Maxfield, Joseph Ewer, John J. Frye, Thomas A. Wheeler, John A. Frye, John B. Cartland and Isaac Winslow, a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it at our next sitting.

17. We appoint Joseph E. Briggs, Ira T. Jenkins, William A. Jones, James O. Inman, Silas H. Cartland, John B. Baylies, Owen Dame and Lemuel Chace, a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised, sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer; also one for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SEVENTH-DAY MORNING, THE 12TH.

The Meeting again assembled.

18. The Representatives being called, all were present except eighteen.

19. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries. The Answers are as follows, viz: —

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANSWER 1. — Our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except in forty instances, most of which occurred in a few small meetings; with the entire omission also of the Meetings on the island of Nantucket, and of the Mid-week Meetings in two small Meetings in Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. First-day Morning Meetings generally well attended. Those in the middle of the week, and for discipline, are more neglected. The hour is nearly observed. With little exception, Friends are preserved from unbecoming behavior.

ANS. 2. — With few exceptions, love and unity are maintained, and detraction is mostly guarded against. Care is taken to end differences when they appear.

ANS. 3. — Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4. —With few exceptions, Friends read the Holy Scriptures individually and in their families, and encourage those under their care in this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained with some exceptions.

ANS. 5. — The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is avoided, with twenty-six exceptions reported in five Quarterly Meetings, and a few acknowledged in another. With few exceptions, Friends are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, and to observe moderation.

Ans. 6. — Nearly clear.

Ans. 7. — Except in two instances, our testimony in regard to military matters is maintained. Some exceptions are made in regard to oaths and the public revenue.

Ans. 8. Generally careful as to the several parts of this Query.

Ans. 9. Friends are careful as to records. Not quite clear as to removal certificates. Some care taken.

Ans. 10. We believe the discipline is administered with Christian tenderness, and impartially, though, in some instances, not as timely as would be best.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

We have been reminded at this time of the great importance of the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, collectively as well as individually, in our families, and of the great benefit of devotional exercises at such times. The family relationship is the most sacred on earth, and above all other places the Lord delights to meet us there. Faithfulness on the part of parents at such times is often blessed in the salvation of the children. The life at the family altar gauges the life of the church.

The remissness of some of our members in abstaining from the use of intoxicating liquors has made us feel keenly the necessity of more earnest effort on the part of every Friend to rid society of all reproach in this matter.

The meaning of these Queries may be summarized in the words, " Are you working out your own salvation with fear and trembling?" They enable us to see, as in a mirror, what we are doing in this respect. While we can never work out a salvation that has not been worked in, yet love to God emphasizes the manifestation of this love. If we enjoy God's love as much as we ought, we shall not only love to come together but shall be more active when we are there. This love manifests itself especially in attendance at our week-day meetings. On First-days the laws prohibit us from following our secular occupations, but on week-days an opportunity is given to offer a sacrifice that costs us something. Love to Christ also manifests itself in unity. This unity does not consist in uniformity of method or of thought but in a deep, rich harmony of feeling. When we lose our love to Christ we magnify the faults of others, and fall into backbiting. These evidences of decaying love should, when they appear, cause us to strive with all earnestness to regain the enjoyment of our Father's love in such degree that it may be manifested in loving conduct toward our brethren, and in bridling our tongues that we do not harm another's reputation.

20. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on Correspondence have reported the following, which is satisfactory

to this Meeting, viz.: — Benjamin F. Knowles, Robert P. Gifford, Thomas Wood, George R. Wood, Gideon Wood, Alvano C. Goddard, Silas H. Cartland, Henry D. Swift, Isaac Steere, Alfred H. Jones, William H. Cates, John B. Cartland, William P. Jenkins, I. Warren Hawkes, Joseph E. Briggs and John F. Chase.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

21. The joint Epistle from New York Yearly Meeting was now read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

22. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, viz.:—

SUMMARY OF ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES FROM THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

Answer 1. With little exception we are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of our families.

Ans. 2. We are in unity one with another and with the meetings to which we belong, with some exceptions. Our labors in gathering unto Christ have been generally harmonious.

Ans. 3. We believe our members are frequently engaged in searching the Holy Scriptures, seeking by the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit a right understanding of their contents — careful not to misquote or misapply them.

MINUTE OF THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

During the reading of the Queries and their Answers much pertinent counsel and instruction were given. The responsibilities which rest upon the individual members of the Church were brought to view. The Church is built up of lively stones.

If we have been born again, great is our accountability to our Father in heaven to glorify Him in gathering souls to Christ, and in building up one another upon His most holy faith. How earnestly do the newly-converted desire that others may come to the fountain and drink.

We should watch much unto prayer for the conversion of our own families, and for the conversion of the world as well; pour out our souls in prayer unto Him who heareth always.

We were tenderly entreated not to neglect the attendance of our meetings. If we neglect His worship, His blessing will not rest upon us. The meetings of early Friends were for worship and for service.

We should never go to meeting without a purpose, and that purpose the honor and glory of God. Let each be exercised for the conversion of some soul, or the upbuilding of some one besides himself. Our work is not done, and will not be until the harvest time, when God will call us home. No man can be too earnest in working for God.

Our principles are worth maintaining. They have been put to the test under various circumstances, and have proved to be adapted to all classes.

All our doctrines and principles rest on the clear teachings of the Holy Scriptures. Do not read all on one line. Do not be one sided.

Early Friends believed and endorsed all the grand doctrines of the Bible.

Let none shun to declare the whole truth which the Bible plainly teaches.

Ever present a well-rounded gospel.

Do not dwell too much on themes most dear to us. As we dwell in the power of the Holy Ghost, that which comes from the heart will reach the heart.

ALFRED H. JONES, *Clerk.*

23. The Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of accommodations for the Yearly Meeting in 1887, have made the following Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YEARLY MEETING ACCOMMODATIONS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

At the meeting of the Committee appointed to provide a place to hold the Yearly Meeting in 1887, held Sixth Month 12th, 1886. The report of a sub-Committee, appointed in Second Month, informs that they have carefully considered the subject, and find that the Baptist Church edifice, on Congress Street, corner of Wilmot Street, Portland, Maine, accessible by an easy flight of steps to an audience room capable of seating about five hundred persons, with nicely upholstered seats. A vestry below, with seating capacity for nearly three hundred persons. A commodious kitchen in the rear of the vestry; one good sized Committee room and toilet room. This edifice is near City Hall, where Committee rooms can be obtained, if needed.

Signed by direction of the Committee.

MARY A. GIFFORD, *Secretary.*

The report is accepted, and referred to the Representatives now in attendance of this Yearly Meeting, and they are desired to consider the subject and report at a future sitting.

24. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South have again presented their Annual Report, together with the Report of

the condition of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn., made by its Superintendent, William P. Hastings. We again refer this concern to the same Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In conducting an institution like that at Maryville for the benefit of the colored people, unexpected difficulties at times are met with, as nearly all who are engaged in similar enterprises can from experience testify; but ours for the last year has been satisfactory.

The School opened, as usual, in the Eighth Month, and shortly numbered twenty-six in the Normal Class, and at the end of the Fall Term closed with thirty-nine. During most of this time over one hundred of the Institute's former students were imparting useful instruction to more than five thousand of their own people.

The Spring Term opened in the First Month with forty-nine in training for teachers, and closed with forty-five, and nearly the same number were engaged in teaching as in the Fall. These and other pupils who have availed themselves of the privileges of the School, have been benefited, not only by the instruction generally imparted to pupils, but they have been taught, and not in vain, the importance of being governed by the moral and religious principles of the gospel, so indispensable to the formation of a good character.

It is cause of thankfulness to see a disposition to appropriate needed means to carry on the work of elevating to a higher plane of life the low and ignorant in foreign countries. And it may be well for us to remember that the Father blessed His Son in preaching the gospel first to the "Lost sheep of the House of Israel" before giving the commission to go into all lands, and in order to be blessed in our labors abroad, it may be more than safe earnestly and liberally to continue our labors for the elevation of a lost class at home, as well.

Much has been, and is now being done to improve the condition of the colored population at the South. If we impart to them a good secular education, combined with the right religious instruction, they will be better fitted to live good and useful lives, that will prove a blessing to themselves, and therefore to our nation; and all who by such means labor for an advancing civilization should be truly thankful.

The enlargement of the intellect by a judicious education, is a blessing, yet no instruction is complete unless directed to the unfolding of man's moral and religious nature in keeping with the truths of the gospel. The pupils are no longer ignorant of the benefit of such teaching, for a goodly number have come to the conclusion that to live Christian lives is the only sure way to be useful and happy. The Principal in some of his recent letters, writes: — "The students have done well this year. Eleven will graduate in the Elementary Course to-day. This is a larger number of graduates than we have had for many years." "The orations were exponents of practical thoughts, which were encouraging manifestations of right resolutions for future work."

The subjects of temperance and peace have claimed their attention, and upon these they have written interesting essays.

Though the School has been small this year compared with what it used to be, yet other features of the work are encouraging.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Repairs and things furnished as per bills		$44 00
Paid repair funds from last year's account	$34 01	
Paid from rents	10 00	
		$44 01

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Yearly Meeting's appropriation	$1,000 00	
From rents	54 42	
		$1,054 42
Paid from appropriation for tuition	$640 54	
" " for insurance	229 00	
" " for blank reports	4 50	
" rents for tuition	54 42	
Undrawn from the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer	125 96	
		$1,054 42
In the hands of the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer	$125 96	
Overdrawn and returned to the Treasurer	9 89	
		$135 85
Balance of rents carried to new account		$158 58

All of which the Committee submit, hoping the Meeting will see its way clear to appropriate $1,000, the same as last year. We believe with this help, in connection with the interest manifested by the Principal, the School can be made popular, so as to double the number of pupils, and thus greatly increase its usefulness.

For the Committee,

B. F. KNOWLES.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 11th, 1886.

REPORT OF THE FREEDMEN'S NORMAL INSTITUTE, MARYVILLE, TENN., FROM EIGHTH MONTH 24TH, 1885, TO FIFTH MONTH 21ST, 1886, BEING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Number of days taught	189
Number enrolled	82
Number averaged daily	49
Per cent. of attendance	90
Number in Training Class	61
Number teaching in different States	102
Greatest number taught at the same time by these teachers	5202

Number of self-boarders in the buildings at different times	46
Number of table-boarders in the buildings	1
Number taught Reading	82
Spelling	82
Arithmetic	82
English Grammar	76
English Composition	76
Geography	78
United States History	19
Latin	8
Greek	3
Physiology	46
Natural Philosophy	3
Algebra	8
Geometry	3
Book-keeping	2

The advancement in the branches of study pursued has been very satisfactory this year. Eleven students graduated in the Elementary Course.

Our Sabbath School and meetings for worship and our Temperance meetings have been kept up.

The students have become earnest workers in the Temperance cause, and the most of them manifest an interest on the Peace question.

These have been supplied, at their own request, with tracts and other reading matter upon these subjects, and have gone forth to battle for the right among their people.

We still have seventy-three members of our colored Monthly Meeting, but some of them are our most enterprising teachers who are working in several different States, and are deprived of the privilege of attending Friends' meetings. Some who could attend our meetings seem to lack interest, so that during vacation our meetings are small. A series of meetings lasting eight days, held during the Spring term of the school, resulted in fourteen professions of conversion.

With thankfulness to our blessed Master for having raised up friends to this great work among His followers, and for the steadfastness with which the Friends of New England Yearly Meeting have sustained it thus far, this report is submitted.

WM. P. HASTINGS, *Principal.*

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Benjamin F. Knowles,
Charles F. Coffin,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Moses Sawyer,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Hannah B. Sawyer.

25. The Trustees of the George Sturge Fund presented their fifth Annual Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and is as follows, viz. :—

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE STURGE FUND.

To The Yearly Meeting:

The investment remains the same as last year, and for safe keeping the bonds are in the vaults of the Rhode Island Safe Deposit Co.

In the Fall Term one dollar and a quarter was allowed to each of twenty-nine students who were in training for teachers.

In the Spring Term forty-one students were in the Normal department fitting themselves for teachers, and receiving the same assistance as in the Fall.

The number of students both in the Fall and Spring Term a little exceeds that of last year. The aggregate number of weeks these have received assistance is eleven hundred and fifteen.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$886 85	
Coupons paid Seventh Month, 1885	727 50	
Coupons paid First Month, 1886	727 50	
Interest paid up to Fifth Month, 1st	32 57	
		$2,374 42

EXPENDITURES.

Assisted poor children in school year ending Fifth Month 1885	$ 76 40	
Assisted students in Fall Term, 1885	415 00	
Assisted poor children in Fall Term, 1885	43 06	
Assisted students in Srring Term, 1886	978 75	
Assisted poor children in Spring Term, 1886	33 85	
Other expenses	15 00	
Balance for new account	812 36	
		$2,374 42

For the Trustees,

B. F. KNOWLES.

Newport, Sixth Month 12th, 1886.

TRUSTEES OF THE STURGE FUND.

Benjamin F. Knowles, South Manchester, Conn.
Samuel R. Buffinton, Fall River, Mass.
Augustine Jones, Providence, R.I.
Owen Dame, Lynn, Mass.
Rebecca H. Smiley, New Bedford, Mass.
Ellen K. Buffum, Providence, R.I.
Susan T. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.

26. The Committee to promote the cause of Temperance in our own Society and in the Community at large, presented their Report, viz.:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting our Annual Report, we feel grateful to our Heavenly Father that He has graciously permitted us to enter so many open doors to service in the Temperance cause, and that He has indeed blessed our efforts. It is impossible to give an accurate statistical report, as five of our Committee have failed to reply to circular of inquiry sent; but enough has been received to give a good general idea of the work.

MEETINGS.

Towards two hundred meetings are reported as either held or actively engaged in by members of your Committee. One preparative meeting reports a monthly Temperance meeting all the year round; another, a meeting sustained by the young men at the Meeting House for six months, which we are sorry to say was discontinued. Two meetings were held on the Island of Jamaica, attended respectively by three hundred, and five hundred people. These meetings were specially blessed. One brother, Jesse R. Townsend, writes: — "Your work here has about ruined the rum trade in these parts;" another, "Ninety-five have signed the pledge since you left;" and still another, "The rum shop in the yard of the Friends' old booth, or meeting tent, has been closed, we think, forever." A meeting was held at Providence Boarding School the last of First Month, attended by Caroline E. Talbot, William Jacob, the Chairman of our Committee, and others, and every facility given by the Principal for carrying on the work.

LITERATURE.

We have sent out more than one hundred thousand pages of Temperance literature, and a very large number of pledge cards and motto cards, with text books, manuals, and other needed supplies for local organizations. Ten thousand pages were distributed on the Island of Jamaica. Workers who were not members of our Committee have been supplied, and these white-winged messengers of hope, of comfort and instruction, have found their way into jails, prisons, alms-houses, and depots, and the hands of travelers on the street, and in the cars. One worker has distributed over a thousand pages, and several enclose something of the kind in every letter they send out.

JUVENILE WORK.

Five new organizations are reported among the children, in one of which upwards of sixty children have signed the Triple Pledge. To supply the lack of such organizations in other places, some of our First-day Schools teach Temperance in every class, while in others the Review Lesson each quarter is omitted, and a Temperance lesson substituted, in which exercise the whole School participates. In one school every child is pledged, and in another forty-nine have signed the Triple Pledge during the past year. In Oak Grove Seminary, Scientific Temperance Instruction has been given, and the interest well sustained.

GENERAL VIEW.

In conclusion, we would say that some of our most earnest and efficient workers have been hindered by sickness from doing any active work beyond what could be accomplished by the pen. Others have labored in connection with some other Temperance organization, and consequently have very little, if anything, to report as done within our borders as a Church. The securing of a law making Temperance teaching in the public schools of Massachusetts compulsory, and the Constitutional Amendment in Rhode Island, during the past year, have been helped by earnest effort on the part of some of these; and while we rejoice in every step taken in advance, and in the increase of public sentiment in favor of Total Abstinence which is reported in different localities, we would be very glad if all our Temperance workers, whether members of our Committee or not, could see and feel the needs within our own borders, as a Church, "Where the fields are white, ready to the harvest, and the laborers are few;" that it be not said of any of us, "Thine own vineyard hast thou not kept."

We recommend that this work be carried on under the care of a newly appointed Committee, and that two hundred dollars be appropriated to its support.

In behalf of the Committee,

ELIZABETH T. LARKIN, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

From Treasurer of Yearly Meeting		$200 00
EXPENDED AS FOLLOWS:		
Supplies of literature, pledge cards, and motto cards, for schools and general distribution	$63 00	
Express, postage, post office orders and postal notes .	2 50	
Printing cards, circulars and tracts	9 50	
W. C. T. Union of R. I., to aid in the passage of the Constitutional Amendment	20 00	
Workers' expenses to hold meetings and organize temperance classes	105 00	
		$200 00

JOHN F. CHASE, *Treasurer,*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 11th, 1886.

The Report is satisfactory and accepted by the Meeting and at the suggestion of the Committee we conclude to set apart a Committee to produce at a future sitting the names of suitable Friends to whom this important subject may be committed the ensuing year.

27. The Committee on Mission Work in North Carolina and other States in the South have made their Report, which has been read, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NORTH CAROLINA MISSION.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends, — We, who were appointed to carry into effect the recommendation last year of the Committee on Educational and Mission Work in North Carolina, have endeavored to do so.

After settling up last year's accounts we had $9.74 remaining. This we supplemented by enough to pay the expense of sustaining a school one term at White Plains, in Surry County, N. C., where one was supported under care of your Committee last year. We employed our long-tried and faithful missionary teacher, Fannie Caison, whose persevering efforts have accomplished so much for the poor in her native State during the past nine years of her labors there under the auspices of your Committee. Her school at White Plains is in session now, with thirty-five scholars enrolled, one-half of whom are children of Friends.

A Bible School is held in the neighborhood, in which a lively interest is manifested; also, a Friends' Meeting has been started by the aid of our teacher.

Friends in Salem Monthly Meeting have done much to aid this work. They have donated $42.00 in money, besides other needed help, such as books, clothing, etc., during the year just past.

There is still much that could profitably be done for these people by voluntary effort, but we recommend that the Yearly Meeting now abandon this work, and give its attention more entirely to other fields still more needy than this.

May the blessing of God continue to rest upon these rich harvest fields in North Carolina, and cause them to produce much fruit to His eternal praise.

C. M. JONES,
H. J. BAILEY, } *Committee.*

Newport, Sixth Month 12th, 1886.

The Report is satisfactory, and the Meeting not feeling clear to abandon this work at present, Charles M. Jones and Hannah J. Bailey are continued a Committee to extend such labor during the coming year as way may open.

Adjourned to meet on Second-day Morning, the 14th, at 10 o'clock, in joint session.

Second-day Morning, the 14th.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

28. The Committee appointed for that purpose presented the

following named Friends to constitute a Committee on the subject of Temperance, which is approved by this Meeting.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Organization.

Ezra Hawkes, *Chairman.*
Mary Almy Chase, *Secretary.*
John F. Chase, *Treasurer.*
C. W. Goddard, *Superintendent of Juvenile Work.*

Rhode Island.

Charles A. Chace, Fall River, Mass.
† John S. Kimber, Newport, R. I.
Annie O. Carr, Newport, R. I.

Salem.

* John F. Chase, Manchester, N. H.
* Mary A. Chase, Manchester, N. H.
† Elizabeth T. Larkin, Manchester, N. H.
* John Henry Crosman, Lynn, Mass.
Wm. Jacob, Mansfield, Mass.

Sandwich.

† Joshua L. Macomber, Mattapoisett, Mass.
George R. Wood, New Bedford.
Hannah R. Gifford, Westport.

Falmouth.

* Charles W. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.
* A. F. Cox, Portland, Me.
* Ezra Hawkes, Portland, Me.
* Alice W. Hawkes, Portland, Me.
* † Ellen C. Jones, Portland, Me.
† S. W. J. McLellan, South Windham, Me.
Edward S. Hacker, Brunswick, Me.

Smithfield.

Geo. F. Varney, Woonsocket, R. I.
Abigail Wheeler, Northbridge, Mass.
† Adelaide Wheeler, Bolton, Mass.
Jerome H. Wheeler, Worcester, Mass.

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* Executive Committee. † Assistants in Juvenile Work.

Vassalboro.

Frank E. Jones, South China, Me.
† Ruthanna H. Nichols, East Vassalboro. Me.
Elizabeth K. Jones, South China, Me.
George H. Pope, East Vassalboro, Me.

Dover.

Thomas W. Hoag, Tamworth, N. H.
Anna M. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
† Catherine F. Hanson, Rochester, N. H.

Fairfield.

Geo. H. Farr, West Gardiner, Me.
Harriet N. Jones, East Winthrop, Me.
† Mary Elma Richardson, North Fairfield, Me.
Hepsie S. Hoxie, West Sidney, Me.
Isaac O. Winslow, St. Albans.

29. The Committee appointed on the proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting, presented the following report, which was satisfactory to this Meeting, and the subject was accordingly referred to the Representative Meeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to whom the proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting, in regard to the subject of International Arbitration, was referred, recommend that the subject be referred to the Representative Meeting for its consideration.

On behalf of the Committee,

WM. THOMPSON,
MARY ALICE GIFFORD.

Newport, Sixth Month 11th, 1886.

30. The Representatives now in attendance of this Meeting have presented a communication, as follows, which is satisfactory to the Meeting.

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† Committee on Juvenile Work.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Representatives are united in the nomination of the following named Friends to constitute the Committee to consider the propriety of reading the credentials of William J. Thornbury.

Augustine Jones,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Owen Dame,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,
George Howland, Jr.,
Susan T. Thompson,
Charles W. Webber,
Phebe P. Jones,
James O. Inman,
Mary A. Battey,
William A. Jones,
Eliza P. Pierce,
Ira T. Jenkins,
Eunice D. Cartland,
Paul Wing,
Mary F. Bailey.

OWEN DAME, *Clerk.*

Newport, Sixth Month 12th, 1886.

31. The Committee to disburse the income arising from the Mosher Fund presented their report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the same Committee is continued for this service another year. The report is as follows, viz: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF THE H. H. MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

During the past year we have subscribed for one hundred and forty-five copies of The Friends' Review, which were mailed to members and attenders of our Meetings.

Fifteen dollars were donated to Evi Sharpless to purchase Tracts inculcating the doctrines of Friends, for distribution in Jamaica.

Sixty copies of Barclay's "Inner Life of the Religious Societies of the Commonwealth" were purchased, copies of which have been placed in most of our Monthly Meeting Libraries, and others have been distributed.

Two hundred and fifty copies of the account of the unveiling of the bust of Elizabeth Fry at the Boarding School in Providence, R. I., were purchased and distributed. Much interest has been expressed by those who have read it, not only by Friends, but others.

On behalf of the Committee,

WM. THOMPSON.

Newport, Sixth Month 12th, 1886.

H. H. MOSHER FUND. — INCOME ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year's account	$89 51	
From C. F. Coffin, Trustee	500 00	
From Savings Bank — interest	24	
		$589 75

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to Evi Sharpless, for purchase of tracts, etc.	$15 00	
145 subscriptions to The Friends' Review	217 50	
60 copies Barclay's "Inner Life of Commonwealth"	120 00	
6 sample copies Bickley's "Geo. Fox"	7 20	
250 copies of Proceedings at the unveiling of bust of Elizabeth Fry	100 10	
Express, postage, etc.	7 70	
		$467 50
Balance to new account		122 25
		$589 75

J. E. PAIGE, *Treasurer.*

LYNN, MASS., Sixth Month 7th, 1886.

COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF THE MOSHER FUND.

William Thompson,
Alfred H. Jones,
John Ellwood Paige,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Ruth S. Murray,
Esther Jones.

32. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz: —

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOSHER FUND.

INCOME FOR THE PAST YEAR.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The income from the Mosher Fund for the past year has been, —

From City of Boston Bond	$500 00	
Lynn Institution for Savings	75 06	
New Bedford Institution for Savings	32 90	
		$607 96

And the payments from said income have been, —

To J. Ellwood Paige, Treasurer of Publishing Com'tee,	$500 00	
capital added	107 96	
		$607 96

The Fnnd is invested in,—

Boston City Registered 5% Bond	$10,000 00
Deposited in Lynn Institution for Savings	1,938 67
Deposited in New Bedford Institution for Savings	799 28
	$12,737 95

For the Trustees,

C. F. COFFIN, Trustee.

LYNN, MASS., Sixth Month 7th, 1886.

33. The Report of the Committee on General Meetings and other Gospel Service was now presented and read, as follows, viz:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Your Committee intrusted with the supervision of the Gospel work within the limits of New England Yearly Meeting, present a record of the same, as near as can be gathered. In no previous year in the history of this work did the pathway seem darker, or the responsibility greater, but in new and unlooked for ways has faith been rewarded by sight, and strength given for the day, so that in all confidence we can exalt the name of our blessed Leader who has given the victory over the powers of evil. The seed may have been sown in other years by faithful servants of the Lord, and for a time have lain dormant, until under the showers of divine grace granted during this year it has matured, and a harvest gathered to the glory and praise of the great Husbandman, and thus sower and reaper can rejoice together. The Superintendents of the several districts report as follows:—

First District.— Fairfield and Vassalboro Quarterly Meetings.— Number of meetings for worship in the District, 16, of which 9 have been visited. Series of meetings, 6; held at South China, Fairfield, Readfield, 2 at Brooks and Maple Grove. Meetings composing the series, 209; families visited, 111; professed conversions, 210; backsliders renewed or reclaimed, 100; other meetings visited without continuous service, 11. We have great reason to praise the Lord for the blessing which has rested upon the work thus far. It seemed best to concentrate the labor mostly in the places named, as the result would be more satisfactory in the end. At South China, Brooks, and Maple Grove, the most definite results have been reached, and it is gratifying to know that those who made a profession of coming to Jesus are holding on steadfastly. Many of these are men and women in the prime of life, with families around them. Forty-four of the number converted have requested to become members with us, and more are to send in their names. The work is going on, but if we only had the workers and some arrangement to care for the children after they are born into the kingdom, there could be a wonderful increase to the Church in Maine.

Second District.—Falmouth and Dover Quarterly Meetings.—Number of meetings for worship in the district, 15, all of which have been visited. Series of meetings, 1, held at North Sandwich, N. H. Meetings composing the series, 31; other meetings visited without continuous service, 87; Bible readings, 4; families visited, 63; professed conversions, 15; backsliders renewed or reclaimed, 19. We have had in our District considerable labor from Friends, both of our own and other Yearly Meetings, which does not appear in our report, but was productive of much good. Portland and North Berwick were especially blessed, and several other places where labor was bestowed. In one meeting twenty persons entered the life of entire consecration. The good seed has been sown, and we trust will in due time yield some fruit.

Third District.— Salem and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings. —Number of Meetings in the District, 18; all but one of these have been visited. Series of Meetings, 9: held at Bolton, 2; Woonsocket, 2; West Epping, 2; Worcester, Weare and Henniker; Meetings composing the series, 83; other Meetings visited without continuous service, 19; Bible readings, 25; families visited, 190; professed conversions, 34; backsliders renewed or reclaimed, 42. The membership at Lawrence, Mass., is united in love and doing active service for the Lord. Much labor has been bestowed at Bolton, one of the most promising fields in the Yearly Meeting, with many interesting young Christians and an excellent Sabbath School; many souls have been converted during the year, and harmony exists amongst the members. Friends who visited Worcester report Meetings of increasing interest during their stay. At Pittsfield, Meetings are now regularly held, and good fruit is borne as the result of the labors of last year, but the all-but-impossibility of obtaining local workers has lessened the results we had looked for this year.

Fourth District. — Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings. — Number of Meetings in the District, 23; of which 21 have been visited; series of Meetings, 6; held at Portsmouth, New Bedford, 2; Long Plain, Apponegansett and Newport; Meetings composing the series, 70; other Meetings visited without continuous service, 102; Bible readings, 15; Children's Meetings, 4; Families visited, 134; professed conversions, 5. The work in the Fourth District the past year has been diversified with the usual experiences of joy in service — triumph over difficulties, and surprise at the unexpected. In the ordinary routine of the work, more has been done on some lines, and on others less than last year. The work of Evangelists from other Yearly Meetings has been greatly blessed to the Church, two laboring in connection with your Committee, and two apart from it; the work of the latter being confined chiefly within the limits of Swansea Monthly Meeting, resulting in the conversion of about five hundred souls, and in an addition of sixty-four members to our Church. The facts of the large increase of our Bible Schools, the greater interest in meetings for worship, both day and evening, the sad hearts made glad, and the dark homes made light, stimulate our zeal in the cause of Truth, and inspire us with a hope and courage to meet all the obstacles from within and without, and to faithfully feed the flock of God.

Summary of the Work	*This year.*	*Last year.*
Meetings for Worship in the Yearly Meeting	72	75
Meetings where labor has been bestowed	62	44
Series of Meetings	22	19
Meetings composing the Series	393	368
Other Meetings visited without continuous service	319	149
Bible Readings	44	24
Children's Meetings	4	1
Families visited	498	410
Professed Conversions	264	127
Backsliders renewed or reclaimed	161	54

A large and important part of the work of the Committee could not well be thus tabulated. Acting upon the advice of the apostle that "so laboring, ye ought to support the weak," they have visited the smaller meetings, cheering those who were discouraged, visiting the sick and the scattered ones, and generally reviving the good work among our own members. We believe that the cause of Christ has been thereby advanced among us, and those whose hands were ready to hang down for very weakness have been strengthened to do good service for the Master, and to trust in His mighty love and overruling power.

From the correspondence of workers we gather the following remarks: — One Friend, speaking of a place where a series of meetings had been held this year for the first time, says, "The ground was very hard to plow, but there was real work done." One writing of another series says, "The Meetings were remarkably owned of the Lord, and there was an awful and blessed solemnity about them. There was no pressure for expression, but some of those we had least expected to speak, were heard to glorify the Lord."

Another says, — "I can say that I find fresh life in some of the meetings, where several are opening their mouths in testimony for the Master, as a new experience. And I have been gladdened in finding real spiritual life in other meetings where I had hardly expected it. I feel sad to report so small a number of conversions. It seems I have been digging among the ruins of the Church, poking about among the rubbish where no one else wanted to go, trying to cheer up the discouraged few, and get them stirred up in the Master's service; but I do pray, if my life is spared, that I may do more individual work, and that it may be effective in leading souls to Christ." By an error in the last report there is a loss of two meetings. One meeting has been laid down, and the indications are, that unless some new life is imparted to some other meetings, they will ere long be extinct; and while we note with gratitude a higher standard of spiritual life than ever before in many meetings, the fact cannot be disguised, that there is also spiritual death and decay in our Church, and the word of the Lord is being verified, that "Whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he thinketh he hath."—(*Luke* 8: 18.) The mission of the Church is the evangelization of the world, and not that of mere existence. Many are inquiring for a better way, and weary of the ritual of a formal church service, are turning to us, and if we can adapt methods to the needs of the age in which we live, a noble work is still before us. The call is loud for skilled Christian workers. How shall it be met? or shall the harvest be left ungathered for lack of laborers? These are serious questions. May our members be constrained to surrender all to Christ that they may be "thoroughly furnished unto all good works," and then engage in the service of the Lord to rescue immortal souls from eternal destruction. The times are perilous. The conflict now going on between labor and capital, the wide-spread sin of intemperance, open and avowed infidelity, and the increase of social evils of every kind, reveal the fact that the world sadly needs the regenerating power of the Gospel, and God's sanctifying grace. Shall we not leave all side issues and join hands with every evangelical body of Christians in aggressive work for the saving of the lost, and thereby have a share in the enlargement and glory of the Church as foretold by the prophet?—"And it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

We would recommend that this Committee be known in future as "Committee on Gospel Work for New England Yearly Meeting," and that on account of the removal from the Yearly Meeting of one of the Committee, and the feeble health of some others, that a new appointment be made.

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY, *Chairman.*

PHEBE S. AYDELOTT, *Secretary.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 11th, 1886.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand from last year	$112 04	
Cash received in Meetings in Portland	311 20	
Subscriptions received since	330 00	
Interest	6 96	
		$760 20
Amount expended to date, (Sixth Month 10th, 1886),		702 33
Cash on hand		$57 87

One hundred dollars subscribed by a Friend was not paid to the Treasurer, but was disbursed by a member of our Committee under direction of the donor.

WM. THOMPSON, *Treasurer.*

Sixth Month 11th, 1886.

We rejoice in the work accomplished, and earnestly desire that these accessions to our membership may prove a blessing and a help to the Church and the Church to them. The same Committee is continued, with the exception of Hannah S. Wing, now living beyond our limits, and may their hands be strengthened for the work.

The Meeting entered into a voluntary contribution, and the the sum of $255.66 was raised and placed in the hands of the Committee.

COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK, AND THEIR P. O. ADDRESS.

Eli Jones, South China, Me.
Anna G. Wood, New Bedford, Mass.
Rebecca H. Smiley, New Bedford, Mass.
Ruth S. Murray, New Bedford, Mass.
William Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.
Susan T. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.
Henry C. Aydelott, Fall River, Mass.
Phebe S. Aydelott, Fall River, Mass.
Alice Almy, Box 355, Fall River, Mass.
Anthony M. Kimber, Newport, R. I.
Mary Alice Gifford, Newport, R. I.
Charles H. Jones, Vassalboro, Me.
William Jacob, Mansfield, Mass.
Charles M. Jones, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Levi E. Jones, Winthrop, Me.
I. Warren Hawkes, Manchester, Maine.
William P. Macomber, Fairhaven, Mass.
Lydia Haight, West Boylston, Mass.
Harriet D. Collins, Hopkinton, R. I.
Elizabeth T. Larkin, Manchester, N. H.
John B. Cartland, North Sandwich, N. H.
Timothy B. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
Annie M. Ray, Manchester, N. H.
Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Charles E. Peasley, Pittsfield, N. H.
John H. Douglas, Lisbon Falls, Me.

ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY, *Chairman*,
PHEBE S. AYDELOTT, *Secretary*,
WILLIAM THOMPSON, *Treasurer*,
ELIZABETH T. LARKIN, *General Superintendent.*

Assistant Superintendents of Quarterly Meetings.

Rhode Island — Mary Alice Gifford.
Salem — William Jacob.
Sandwich — Susan T. Thompson.
Falmouth — John H. Douglas.
Smithfield — Lydia Haight.
Vassalboro — Charles H. Jones.
Dover — John B. Cartland.
Fairfield — I. Warren Hawkes.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

AFTERNOON.—The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

34. An Epistle from London Yearly Meeting was now received and read, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

35. The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools has now been read, and is as follows, viz. :—

REPORT OF BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

We trust the importance of Bible study and Schools is becoming more and more recognized as a positive necessity to the Church, and hence the work deepening and enlarging. Several new Schools have been established, with good interest, and many others report the interest increasing.

While some schools do not report any temperance work done, others have done good work, and report that all their members have signed the triple pledge.

Several Schools report conversions varying from one to twenty-five. The quarterly conferences have been continued in all the Quarterly Meetings, except Dover and Fairfield. The Committee have endeavored to aid the work by assisting the Conferences, visiting Schools, and furnishing some supplies to needy ones. In many localities the work has not only been self-supporting, but much aid has been given to mission work. In one School fifty volumes have been added to the library, while in others lesser additions have been made.

Copies of Barclay's Catechism have been kindly furnished by the Trustees of the Obadiah Brown Benevolent Fund, which have been distributed to all the Schools, also the Concert Exercises furnished by the Peace Committee.

Having considered the proposition of George A. Barton and M. M. Binford, to assist in a Home Study Bible School we recommend that it should have the support of the Committee.

We would respectfully suggest the importance of prompt co-operation on the part of Superintendents and Secretaries in furnishing statistical information to enable the Committee to report as definitely and fully as is desirable. We recommend this important subject to your prayerful attention, and to the care of a Committee, and that a liberal sum be appropriated for the work.

On behalf of the Committee,
R. H. NICHOLS, *Secretary*,

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

RECEIVED.

From Geo. Howland, Jr., ...		$79 77

PAYMENTS.

Printing, stationery, etc.	$6 50	
Supplies for small Schools	24 12	
Expenses visiting Schools, Quarterly Conferences, etc.	36 75	
Literature and maps for Schools	12 40	
		$79 77

O. T. MEADER, *Treasurer.*

	No. of Schools.	Whole No. Membership.	Average Attendance.	No. of Friends.	Triple Pledge Signers.	Conversions,	Friends' Quarterly.
Rhode Island	6	297	212	195	15	12	4*
Salem	10	474	381	197	173	1	9
Sandwich	8	430	285	158	98	10	5
Falmouth	13	651	426	270	75	17	6
Smithfield	7	268	175	123	32	22	5
Vassalboro	7	283	195	149	95	31	4
Dover	4	122	80	90	20		3
Fairfield	6	398	353	183	10	9	1
	61	2923	2107	1365	518	102	37

*This does not include the statistics of Friends' School at Providence.

Gain over last year, 2 schools; in membership, 314; in average attendance, 431.

The Report is acceptable to the Meeting. The Committee now under appointment, with the exception of Hannah S. Wing, now living beyond our limits, and the addition of Albert F. Minott, is continued for further service another year,

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

CHARLES W. GODDARD, *Chairman*, Lisbon Falls, Maine.
OLNEY T. MEADER, *Treasurer*, 355 Dudley St., Boston, Mass.
R. H. NICHOLS, *Secretary*, East Vassalboro, Me.

Executive Committee.

Robert P. Gifford, Providence, R. I.
George R. Wood, New Bedford, Mass.
George B. Wing, North Fairfield, Me.
Frank E. Jones, South China, Me.
Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.
Mary S. Wood, Fairhaven, Mass.
Timothy B. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
S. Jane Cox, 97 Winter St., Portland, Me.

Harriet D. Collins, Hopkinton, R. I.
George C. Herbert, Lynn, Mass.
Lucy T. Herbert, Lynn, Mass.
Albert C. Hill, Merrimac, Mass.
Smith B. Steere, Burrillville, R. I.
Herbert O. Aldrich, Woonsocket, R. I.
H. Elizabeth Jones, Vassalboro, Me.
Alice R. Estes, Dover, N. H.
Phebe W. Sawtelle, North Sidney, Me.
I. Warren Hawkes, Manchester, Me.
Alice R. Cranston, Woonsocket, R. I.
John S. Kimber, Newport, R. I.
Charles E. Peasley, Pittsfield, N. H.
Sarah A. Hill, Merrimac, Mass.
Albert F. Minott, Deering, Me.

36. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting.

37. The subject of Divorce having claimed the attention of the Representative Meeting, and referred by it to this Meeting, we conclude to appoint Augustine Jones, Charles H. Jones, Obadiah Chace, George Douglas, William Thompson, Reuben T. Jones and David H. Hill a Committee to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends to whom the subject may be committed, and report to this Meeting next year.

38. The Representatives to whom the propositions from Falmouth and Vassalboro Quarterly Meetings were referred, have made the following Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Representatives have considered the subjects referred to them, and report as follows, viz: —

In regard to a place for holding the Yearly Meeting, we recommend that in 1887 it be held in Portland, Me.

In regard to dropping the words, " As a beverage," from the 5th Query, it was the judgment of the Representatives that it should not be done.

But they would recommend as a substitute for the first clause in the 5th Query, " Do Friends abstain from the use of Alcoholic Liquors, except for Medicine and the Arts."

DANIEL C. MAXFIELD, *Clerk.*

Newport, Sixth Month 14th, 1886.

Which is accepted by this Meeting, and we conclude to meet in Portland, Me., next year. With reference to the proposed change in the Fifth Query, the Meeting did not see its way clear to make any change at this time.

39. The subject of Capital Punishment claiming our attention, we conclude to refer the same to our next Representative Meeting.

We adjourn to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Third-day Morning, the 15th.

The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

40. The London General Printed Epistle, issued this year, was now received and read. Our hearts have been made glad by the timely reception of this message of love. Its clear exposition of doctrines, especially in regard to the disuse of outward ordinances, and its earnest exhortations to entire consecration to the Lord and His service, have been truly acceptable to us, and we direct that the Clerk cause an edition of three thousand copies to be printed and forwarded to our several Quarterly Meetings, and draw upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for the expense incurred.

41. The Committee appointed in reference to the reading of the certificate of William J. Thornbury report as follows, viz.:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to whom was referred the credentials of William J. Thornbury, report that they have had an interview with him concerning the same, and that they are united in the judgment that his certificate should not be received.

Augustine Jones,	Mary A. Battey,
Ellen K. Buffum,	James O. Inman,
Owen Dame,	Wm. A. Jones,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,	Eliza P. Pierce,
George Howland, Jr.,	Ira T. Jenkins,
Susan Taber Thompson,	Eunice D. Cartland,
Charles W. Webber,	Paul Wing,
Phebe P. Jones,	Mary F. Bailey.

Newport, Sixth Month 14th, 1886.

Which is accepted by the Meeting, and the Committee released.

42. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Foreign Mission Work present the following report:

The mission work at Brumana, on Mt. Lebanon, has continued under the care of our dear friend, Theo. Waldemeir, with the same corps of assistants as last year. From the reports that have reached us, the various branches of work seem to have received the Master's blessing, and prospered under the hand of the laborers. There is still much bitter opposition from the priests and monks on the mountains, but they have failed thus far to interfere to any extent with the spiritual or secular work of the mission. The meetings for worship on First-day morning at Brumana are well attended, the present room often being too small to accommodate the company that assembles. Scripture reading meetings are held during the week at the houses of the members, and on Sixth-day a meeting is held at the Girls' Training Home, for all connected with the Mission, who understand English. A Boys' and Girls' Bible School is regularly held at Brumana, and also in several of the neighboring villages every First-day. Lotfallah J. Rizcallah, who is still at the head of the Boys' Training Home, reports that in the nine years in which the Home has been in operation, one hundred and one pupils have been received and given a good preliminary education; also a good knowledge of the Bible and way of salvation. Most of these who have left are working at different trades, in the villages on Mt. Lebanon. Some are continuing their studies at the American College at Beyrout. During the past year there have been thirty boys, under instruction, at the Home, twenty-eight of these boarding in the house, and two day-scholars. In addition to the Arabic, the English and French languages are taught to nearly all of these, and to everyone is given instruction in the Bible. Our dear friend Maria Feltham, who has so faithfully cared for the interests of the Girls' Training Home since its opening, has made a visit to her home in England during the year, but returned early in the fall to Brumana, and is in charge of the Mission as before. There have been the same number of girls this year as last, viz., fifteen; two of the original number having left the school at the opening of the year, two others were selected to fill their places.

The annual examination was highly satisfactory, and did credit to teachers and pupils. There have been eight day schools in operation during the year, with an average attendance of 304 children; three boys' schools, with 120 scholars; three girls' schools with 85 pupils; and two mixed schools, numbering 99 scholars. Owing to the bitter opposition of a fanatical priest at Roomy, the school there had to be closed and one opened at Saleena, a Druse village two hours east of Brumana. Abdelour, the former principal of the boys' school at Ramallat was appointed teacher. This promises to be a fine field for service in carrying the Gospel among those of Druse religion. Since the enlargement of the Hospital, the medical department has been more successful, and a much larger number of patients have been received and cared for. The number of out patients who have received treatment during the year, 4532; the number of in patients 117, with an average stay of 24 days each. While all is done that can be done to cure the diseases of the body, great endeavors are made to point the sin-sick soul to the Great Physician, the Lord Jesus.

The Mother's Meeting, under the efficient care of Susan Waldmeier, has increased much in interest; she now has eighty mothers enrolled as members of the meeting, with a regular attendance of sixty; many have a concern for their own salvation, and show more interest in the reading and expounding of the Scriptures. She also reports a great improvement in their personal cleanliness, and behavior among themselves. These things are more encouraging from the fact that the Roman Catholic Layerist Sisters have come during the year, and settled down at Brumana for the purpose of opposing this work among the mothers.

We would express our heartfelt sympathy with the Syrian Committee of London Yearly Meeting, in the great loss which has come to them in the removal, by death, of our dear friend, Alfred Lloyd Fox. His untiring zeal and labor for the welfare of the Mission at Brumana, will be sadly missed. But while we miss his help and sympathy in the work here, we rejoice to feel that our loss is his gain — that he has gone to reap the reward of those who have been faithful in the service of the Blessed Saviour here on earth.

We would express our thankfulness to the members of our Yearly Meeting for their generous support the past year. Also to Philadelphia Friends, and members of the Women's Foreign Mission Association of Western Yearly Meeting, Friends of Damascus, Ohio, and many others for their kind assistance in the work. We would request the Yearly Meeting to appropriate one thousand dollars, for the work the ensuing year.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee.

CHARLES M. JONES, *Clerk.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month, 1886.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Committee of New England Yearly Meeting on Foreign Missions in account with Timothy B. Hussey, Treasurer,

1885. DR.

	To paid Stephen Berry, for printing	$30 00	
	T. Waldmeier, for Boys' Training Home	972 00	
	T. Waldmeier, for Girls' Training Home	221 13	
1886.	U. S. Engine Co., for repairs	8 16	
	T. Waldmeier, for Boys' Training Home	489 50	
	" for Girls' Training Home	416 07	
	" for Mansourich	146 85	
	" expenses of child in Day School,	4 90	
	" for Boys' Training Home	489 50	
	Deposited in New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank	221 50	
	Balance deposited in North Berwick National Bank	241 94	
			$3,241 55

1885. CR.

By balance from last year	$200 92	
contributions from Friends at Yearly Meeting	304 05	
check from Jemima T. Pray, Treasurer of the W. F. M. S. of Western Yearly Meeting, for the education of seven girls	227 50	
amounts received from Monthly Meetings	514 18	
" " from Treasurer Yearly Meeting	750 00	
" " from W. Hadley, Kansas	13 87	
" " from Ezra French, Ohio, for the education of one girl in the T. Home	65 00	
cash from T. J. Battey, for Saada Fadil	5 50	
" J. T. Pray, Treasurer W. F. M. S. of Western Yearly Meeting, seven girls,	221 50	
" Smithfield Q. M. Bible Schools, for one girl	75 00	
" the W. F. M. S. of N. E. Yearly Meeting,	714 03	
" R. N. Taylor, Philadelphia, for the Mansourich School	150 00	
		$3,241 55

There is in the hands of the Committee a Fund for the education of females in Syria, now amounting to $2,998.66, deposited in the New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank.

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY, *Treasurer.*

The Report is satisfactory, and we thankfully acknowledge the continued blessing of the Lord on this service, and in reviewing the various branches of Christian work, which have sprung from the little seed planted in faith, we are constrained to say, "What hath God wrought?" The Committee now under appointment is continued another year. The sum of $554.99 was collected by voluntary contribution for the current expenses of the Mission. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year, and the said contributions are desired to be made as early as the First Month, next year.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Eli Jones,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
William Thompson,
Susan T. Thompson,
George Howland, Jr.,
Anna G. Wood,
Charles M. Jones,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
S. Caroline Tobey,
Ezra Hawkes,
Alice W. Hawkes,
Harriet D. Collins,
Eliza Taber,
Eliza P. Varney,
Mary W. Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Anna M. Hussey,
Elizabeth K. Jones,
Mary A. Chase,
Huldah H. Leighton,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Addie F. Chace,
Eli Jepson,
Charles A. Chace,
Phebe W. Sawtelle,
Mabel G. Bailey,
Ellwood A. Bailey,
Ruthanna H. Nichols.
Herbert A. Skinner.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

43. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, have presented a Report, which has been read, and is as follows, viz.:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Western Indians met at Portland, Lynn, Providence and Newport, during the past year, to consider the interests of the Indians, and are more and more impressed with the needs and importance of the work.

The missionary work under the care of the Associated Executive Committee of the various Yearly Meetings, has been confined to the Quapaw, Osage, and Sac and Fox Agencies. The first named is situated in the northeast corner of the Territory, and has eight remnants of tribes located on it, numbering about 1200 souls.

There are two Monthly Meetings established among Indians in Indian Territory. The first, Grand River Monthly Meeting, was organized in 1881, embracing at its opening four preparative meetings. The present membership is divided as follows:—At Wyandotte, 62; Seneca, 46; Modoc, 66; and Ottawa, 16. Of this number twenty-eight were received during the year; ten deaths reported. The work is under the care of John M. Watson and Jeremiah Hubbard. The Shawneetown Monthly Meeting is in the Sac and Fox Agency, two hundred miles west of the Quapaw Agency, and was organized two years ago with a membership of fifty persons. There are in this Agency the Sac and Fox's, the Absentee Shawnees, the Mexican Kickapoos, Iowas, and a few Otoes, numbering together about twenty-five hundred. There are no Missionaries among the Kickapoos, Iowas, and Otoes. Most of these Indians are still in blankets. The Kickapoos, numbering over four hundred, are without school privileges of any kind. They live in houses of their own building, constructed of bark for summer, near their fields, and go into their village houses of flag-matting in winter. They afford a promising field for mental and moral culture. Fully two thousand Indians in this agency are without the Gospel.

The Industrial Schools at Iowa and Indiana (founded by Josiah White of Philadelphia) have made commendable progress, and the officers of the Institution were encouraged to keep up a correspondence with the Indian children who had returned to their homes, and keep a record of their places of residence, together with their occupation, so as to uphold them in an endeavor to live a self-supporting and Christian life.

The Modoc tribe of Indians are an offshoot of the Klamaths, and occupied the country known as Lost River Basin, covering portions of the old Government road to Oregon and California — where the climate is invigorating, the air dry and light, and the water pure. This home (being the home of their fathers and grandfathers for many generations) was dear to them, and for this they fought desperately in the famous lava beds. But our Government let white people have their loved homes, and the Indians who were not engaged in war were compelled to go on a reservation among their enemies; and those who fought for home and native land were sent to Indian Territory as prisoners of war. In a malarious district, from one hundred and seventy-seven men, women and children, all told, they have rapidly decreased to ninety-seven, including the natural increase during that time. Frank Modoc, having a desire for a better knowledge of the English language and of the Bible, in order that he might be better fitted for his calling as a Christian teacher, asked God to make a way for the pursuit of this object, as there seemed to be no way. His prayer was heard, and way was made for him to go to Oak Grove Seminary, where, in a letter to a friend, he said, "I very much thank Heavenly Father for sending me where so many good children are." But the disease contracted in Indian Territory soon proved too much to allow him to learn all he desired, and he and his friends were brought to the conclusion (several weeks ago) that he had better return to his home in the Territory, as soon as he was able. His people were dear to him, and he often spoke of them with the utmost tenderness, expressing thankfulness that he and they were in the society of Friends, where white people and Indians were like brothers and sisters. Having felt that the time had come for him to return to his home, he started on his journey, and in much feebleness reached the residence of our friend John J. Frye, in Portland, Me., still hoping to attend the Yearly Meeting at Newport and mingle once more with the Friends whom he had learned to love But increasing illness prevented him from accomplishing this desire of his heart; and on the evening of the 12th inst. while the Yearly Meeting was in session, he peacefully passed away in the full triumph of Christian faith, to be "forever with the Lord."

The Committee have assisted Eliza Watson in her arduous work of caring for the sick, and clothed and paid the travelling expenses of Eva Johnston to attend school at Earlham College: also helped her sister Ida, who is in the same school, and have assisted other worthy objects; corresponded with Missionaries and workers in the field, encouraging them in the work.

We feel that our Society, with its diversified interests in mission work, cannot find a more needy people, nor more fruit for the labor bestowed, than in the work of Indian Christianization.

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $3,500. We recommend that $525.00 be appropriated as our quota of this sum. We ask, also, that the treasury of our own Committee be replenished, not only by a collection to be raised in our Yearly Meeting, but also by efforts to be made in all our Monthly Meetings.

On behalf of the Committee,

MYRA E. FRYE, *Secretary.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 14th, 1886.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1885. Dr.		
To balance of cash, including collection at Portland, .	$73 57	
1886.		
From Friends of New Bedford	41 50	
Women Friends of New Bedford	29 50	
Friends of Swansea Monthly Meeting	10 00	
“ Rochester, N. H.	10 00	
“ Salem, Mass., ...	17 25	
“ Sandwich, Mass.	10 00	
“ Weare, N. H., ...	9 00	
“ Yarmouth, Mass., ...	7 50	
“ Rhode Island Monthly Meeting . . .	31 50	
Providence Bible School	12 20	
Portsmouth, R. I., School	3 70	
Fall River, Mass., School	19 52	
Amesbury, Mass., School	7 25	
Lynn, Mass., School	10 00	
Friends of North Weare, N. H., ...	5 00	
		$297 49

1885. Cr.		
Paid Emeline H. Tuttle, for Ida Johnston's travelling expenses	$20 00	
Paid John M. Watson, for his wife's use in the hospital	10 00	
Emeline H. Tuttle, for Eva Johnston's expenses at Earlham College	25 00	
Jeremiah Hubbard, for meals, etc., furnished by him to the Indians	25 00	
Jeremiah Hubbard, to pay for a stove	10 00	
Frank Modoc, use at Oak Grove	25 00	
Ethel K. Calvert, for use of Eva Johnston . . .	25 00	
Emeline H. Tuttle, for the benefit of Lizzie Supernow (Indian)	10 00	
Myra E. Frye, for Frank Modoc's use	25 00	
Emeline H. Tuttle, for Lizzie Supernow's use .	30 00	
Balance	92 49	
		$297 49

ANTHONY M. KIMBER, *Treasurer.*

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee continued for service another year, with the addition of Hannah J. Bailey. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to raise subscriptions to aid the Committee in their labors as last year.

The sum of $91.78 was raised by voluntary contribution, and placed in the hands of this Committee.

ORGANIZATION OF INDIAN COMMITTEE.

JOSEPH E. BRIGGS, *Chairman.*
MYRA E. FRYE, *Secretary.*
ANTHONY M. KIMBER, *Treasurer.*

MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

William O. Newhall,
Timothy B. Hussey.

COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

William O. Newhall, Lynn, Mass.
Ellen K. Buffum, 87 Cook St., Providence, R. I.
Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.
Rebecca Anthony, 35 High St., Fall River, Mass.
John J. Frye, Woodfords, Me.
Myra E. Frye, Woodfords, Me.
Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Anthony M. Kimber, 75 Broadway, Newport, R. I.
Asa C. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Eli Jones, South China, Me.
Timothy B. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
Sarah D. Brown, Amesbury, Mass.
Olney T. Meader, 355 Dudley St., Boston, Mass.
Sarah J. Swift, Worcester, Mass.
Frank E. Jones, South China, Me.
Ruthanna H. Nichols, East Vassalboro, Me.
Mary G. Winslow, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Anna M. Gove, Seabrook, Mass.
Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.

44. The Committee on Education have presented their Annual Report, as follows, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee on Education present the following Report: —

We have not been unmindful of the purpose for which we were appointed; but circumstances have prevented us from giving to it the time and attention that its importance demands.

A Conference was held in the Eleventh Month at Oak Grove Seminary, and was a season of great interest and profit. It was largely attended, and many young teachers have spoken to us of the benefit they believed they derived from it.

Several attempts have been made to hold such Conferences in different parts of the Yearly Meeting, but they have been frustrated by sickness and other causes.

Letters containing various questions and suggestions have been received from different individuals, indicating an increasing interest amongst us in the subject of a liberal education.

We believe that Conferences should be held in each Quarterly Meeting, at least once in the year, where the general subject of education should be discussed, and the practical details, also, should be presented. We would suggest that the Quarterly Meetings be requested to appoint Committees to co-operate with the Committee of the Yearly Meeting, by opening the way for such Conferences, and by rendering such other assistance as they may be able to do to assure success.

We wish to repeat the conviction expressed by us in our Report last year, that if parents and guardians desire to stand acquitted before our Heavenly Father concerning the important trust committed to them, they must see to it that the children are placed at schools where they will be surrounded by such religious influences as will tend to develop a high type of Christian manhood and womanhood.

Loyalty to our own Society leads us to say that we believe no other religious organization is better adapted than our own to develop this high type of Christian character; consequently, we hope that our children, as far forth as it is practicable, will be placed under the care and influence of Friends.

We would suggest, also, that the Friends in the subordinate meetings, whose duty it may be to prepare the statistics for the Yearly Meeting, be requested in addition to the information now obtained, to obtain and forward to the Yearly Meeting the number of children of school age in each Meeting, the number between the ages of twelve and twenty-one, the number attending school, and the number attending schools taught or controlled by Friends.

In regard to the subject referred to us last year, namely, — "The formation of a Yearly Meeting Library," we have given some thought and attention to the same. We find that copies of all books, pamphlets, tracts, etc., published by the Society of Friends, and named in Joseph Smith's Catalogue, can be procured for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. Desirable as it would be for us to have a Library containing these, we do not feel like taking the responsibility at this time of expressing an opinion as to the advisability of taking steps in this direction.

We trust the Yearly Meeting will continue to manifest an interest in the education of its children. While we had no occasion to draw upon the fund appropriated to our use last year, we would propose that the same amount (one hundred dollars), be appropriated this year, from which a future Committee may draw, if needed, to enable them to carry forward the work.

On behalf of the Committee,

CHARLES H. JONES,
AUGUSTINE JONES,
MYRA E. FRYE.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and the same Committee continued for service another year. The suggestions of the Committee are adopted, and our Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to appoint Committees to carry them into effect upon the receipt of this Minute.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Augustine Jones
Caroline Jones of Deering, Me.
Anna F. Hall,
Charles H. Jones,
Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Eli Jones,
Myra E. Frye,
John Ellwood Paige,
Phebe W. Sawtelle,
Ruth S. Murray,
Gertrude W. Cartland.

45. In consequence of the decease of Jacob K. Purinton, the member of the Standing Committee on Finance from Dover Quarterly Meeting, the Representatives from that Meeting propose Timothy B. Hussey to serve the Meeting in that capacity, which is approved by this Meeting.

46. The Committee having the care of Oak Grove Seminary the past year have presented their Annual Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee, appointed last year to have the care of Oak Grove Seminary, in presenting the Second Annual Report, do so with a deep sense of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his manifest blessing upon the School during the past year. The School has been continued under the care of our efficient Principal, Charles H. Jones, with an able corps of Assistants. The school year just closed has been one of unusual interest and satisfaction. The average attendance for each of the three terms has been nearly eighty-three.

Autumn Term, there were	46 Boys,	49 Girls.
Winter Term, "	39 "	26 "
Spring Term, "	53 "	35 "
Total	248 scholars.	

The religious meetings, which have been held on First and Third-day evenings, have been attended by the pupils with increasing interest. During the Spring Term, especially, the guiding and controlling power of the Holy Spirit was peculiarly manifest. The Principal reports eighteen as having given satisfactory evidence of conversion during the year, and a much larger number who have evidently deepened in religious experience, and have become more firmly established in the truth, all of which is a cause for praise and heartfelt gratitude to our Heavenly Father.

The health of the School has been uniformly good throughout the year. No serious sickness has occurred, except in the case of Frank Modoc. His lungs, weak when he came to us, seem to be seriously affected by our climate, and much as all regretted the necessity, it was thought best, by himself and his friends, for him to return to the Indian Territory. His earnest, patient effort to acquire knowledge, his simple childlike faith, and his sterling Christian character, have endeared him to Committee, teachers and pupils, and all part from him with regret.

The gift from a friend of fine portraits of Whittier and Agassiz, is very highly appreciated; also several liberal donations in money and books for our library. A demand having arisen during the past year for better advantages for those desiring to prepare themselves in as short a time as possible for commercial life, it was thought best to open in connection with the Seminary a thoroughly equipped Business College. At the beginning of the Spring Term this was done. The success of the enterprise has been very gratifying. Charles Fletcher, a practical teacher of experience, was secured as Principal. He is sparing no pains to make this department (which is under the same general management as the Seminary, of which it is a part), equal to the best colleges of the kind in the State. So many applications came in for the Autumn Term, that steps had to be taken at once to provide suitable school-room accommodations. Seats were procured for the new school building, and placed temporarily in the old Gymnasium, which was fitted up for that purpose, and the Autumn Term held in it.

A new Seminary building was erected during the year, and was opened with appropriate dedicatory exercises, at the beginning of the Winter Term. This structure, named "Bailey Hall," is 40 x 60 feet, three stories high, with basement. Dressing rooms for boys and girls, boiler room and store room, occupy the basement. The first floor contains one of the finest school-rooms in the State, with class-rooms and library adjoining. The second and third floors contain pleasant chambers for the accommodation of forty pupils. A tower at the west end of the building holds a fine bell, the gift of a former student of Oak Grove Seminary. Each chamber has been supplied with a good, plain ash chamber set, including wardrobe, mattress and pillows. A steam heating apparatus, with the latest improvements, has been put in, giving abundance of heat to all parts of the building. The total cost of the Seminary Building, including steam heating apparatus, and chamber sets, was $7,700.58.

To meet this amount, aid was solicited from Friends and others within the limits of the Yearly Meeting. We want to express our thanks to our Heavenly Father for putting it into so many hearts to respond to our call, and give cheerfully of their means, thus giving our Committee the privilege of reporting the Institution free from debt, and a small amount in the treasury.

It is with regret that we record the death of our friend, Ebenezer Frye, one of the five original founders of the Seminary, in 1847. From the beginning until the time of his death, his interest in the School was unabated.

TUITION.

The expenses of any pupil, for board, tuition, room rent, heating, lighting, washing, etc., need not exceed $150.00 per school year.

The tuition and one-half the board must be paid at the opening, and the balance at the middle of each Term.

All applications should be made to Charles H. Jones, Principal Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro, Me.

INSTRUCTORS.

CHARLES H. JONES, *Principal*, Mathematics and Language.
H. ELIZABETH JONES, *Matron*, English Branches.
CHARLES FLETCHER, Principal of Commercial Department.
CHARLES R. JACOB, A.B., Classical Department.
ELLEN A. WINSLOW, Normal Department.
EMMA J. CARTLAND, Primary Department.
SADIE C. STARKEY, Elocution.
EMILY S. WEEKS, Drawing and Painting.
CALVIN A. GODDARD, EMMA J. CARTLAND, HATTIE E. JONES, } Assistants in Eng. and Prim'y Departm'ts.

CALENDAR.

1886.—Fall Term begins, Third-day, Eighth Month 24th.
Fall Term closes, Sixth-day, Eleventh Month 12th.

Recess of one week.

Winter Term begins, Third-day, Eleventh Month 23d.
1887.—Winter Term closes, Sixth-day, Second Month 11th.

Recess of one week.

Spring Term begins, Third-day, Second Month 22d.
Spring Term closes, Sixth-day, Fifth Month 13th.

Vacation.

Fall Term of school year 1887-88 begins Third-day, Eighth Month 25th.

Written examinations at the close of each term. Public examination and graduation exercises at the close of the Spring Term.

Signed by direction and on behalf of theCommittee,

CHARLES M. JONES, *Clerk.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month, 1886.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Sixth Month 25, 1885, Cash on hand	$262 92	
Ninth Month 25, " Received from Maine State Trea.	300 00	
Total amount received by subscription	8,670 56	
		$9,233 48

EXPENDITURES.

Paid C. H. Jones, for current expenses of school	$225 00	
A. Taber, repairs of gymnasium	106 53	
premium on insurance	100 00	
J. & J. Philbrook, for furnishing material and erecting seminary building	5,783 90	
A. A. Sandborn, steam heating apparatus	975 00	
W. H. Sandborn & Co., furniture	562 40	
for plan of building, and incidentals	140 17	
for seats and blackboards	200 00	
freight bill	52 98	
for grading and building road	85 20	
temporary loan	1,000 00	
Amount in hands of Treasurer	2 30	
		$9,233 48
Amount in hands of Treasurer of the Sybil Jones Fund		$176 60

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting. The Committee now under appointment is continued for service another year, with the exception of Ebenezer Frye, deceased, and the addition of Alfred H. Jones. Joseph E. Briggs is reappointed Treasurer. A contribution was entered into in open Meeting to add to the Sybil Jones Fund, referred to in the Report, the sum of $77.59 was collected and directed to be placed in the hands of the Committee.

COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY.

Charles M. Bailey,
Eli Jones,
C. Irving Bailey,
Charles M. Jones,
Augustine Jones,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
John J. Frye,
Joseph T. Richardson,
Ezra Hawkes,
John H. Crosman,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Arthur Taber,
Frank E. Jones,
John F. Chase,
Alfred H. Jones,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Susan T. Thompson,
Myra E. Frye,
Huldah H. Leighton,
Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Mary E. Richardson,
Harriet L. Hoxie,
S. Jane Cox,
Harriet D. Collins,
Mary W. Jones, of Newport,
Mary Ann Hoxie,
Julia E. Winslow,
Emma S. Briggs,
C. Alice Jones,
Mary E. Taber,
Sarah Marble.

TREASURER.

Joseph E. Briggs, of Winthrop, Maine.

47. The Committee on Gospel Work presented the following request, which is referred to the Committee on Finance, and is as follows, viz.:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends: — The Committee on Gospel Work, now under appointment, is united in asking that an appropriation of five hundred dollars be made by the meeting, for the use of this Committee in the further prosecution of the service entrusted to it.

For the Committee,

PHEBE S. AYDELOTT, *Secretary.*

Newport, Sixth Month 15th, 1886.

We adjourn to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Fourth-day Morning, the 16th.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

48. The Committee on Peace have presented their Annual Report, viz.:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee on Peace are unable to render a report satisfactory to themselves.

We have done but very little during the last year, as a committee; but as individuals we have endeavored to do something to aid the cause, by the dissemination of Peace literature.

The expense of this has been largely borne by private liberality, only a small portion of the amount appropriated by the Yearly Meeting last year having been expended.

We would suggest the propriety of the appointment of a new committee, and would ask for an appropriation of twenty-five dollars to aid them in their work.

On behalf of the Committee,

CHAS. H. JONES,
SAM'L R. BUFFINTON,
H. ELIZABETH JONES.

The Report is satisfactory to this Meeting. The same Committee is continued for service another year, with the exception of Hannah S. Wing, now living beyond our limits.

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

Charles H. Jones,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
Asa C. Tuttle,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Eli Jones,
Sarah J. Swift,
Anna F. Hall,
H. Elizabeth Jones,
Annie M. Ray,

49. The Representatives report as follows, viz. :—

At a meeting of the Representatives, in which an unusual sense of responsibility, and earnest spirit of prayer prevailed, it was concluded to recommend to the Yearly Meeting the appointment of the following-named Friends, to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year, viz.

MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

Samuel R. Buffinton,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Owen Dame,
Lydia C. Neal,
George Howland, Jr.,
Anna G. Wood,
Reuben T. Jones,
Esther Jones,
Richard Battey,
Mary A. Battey,
Alfred H. Jones,
Elizabeth K. Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Anna M. Hussey,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Hannah J. Bailey,
William O. Newhall,
James O. Inman,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
Charles F. Coffin,
Thomas Harkness,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Anthony M. Kimber,
Augustine Jones,
Augustus F. Cox,
S. Jane Cox,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Wm. Thompson,
Susan T. Thompson,
Olney T. Meader,
Daniel C. Maxfield,
George Douglas,
Louisa N. Meader,
Isaac Steere,
Susan S. Tripp,
Levi Jones,
Myra E. Frye,
Harriet D. Collins,
John J. Frye.

DANIEL C. MAXFIELD, *Clerk.*

Newport, Sixth Month 15th, 1886.

The Report is satisfactory, and the Friends proposed are appointed to compose a Representative Meeting the ensuing year.

50. The Committee under appointment in reference to the few members of our Society, now or formerly residing in the British Provinces, made the following Report, viz : —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS OF THE BRITISH PROVINCES.

To the Yearly Meeting :

Your Committee have endeavored to rightly perform the duties of their appointment, and in so doing, have added much comfort to one worthy life.

The kind and sympathizing visits made, almost weekly, by one or more members of the Committee, and the affectionate correspondence of others, have been a source of much comfort to the visited, aside from the material aid rendered, and for all of this much gratitude is felt and expressed on the part of the recipient. Truly it is blessed to give even a cup of cold water to an aged child, who is made cheerful with the hope of soon passing over.

The appropriation, with more than an equal amount added, has been used at different times, as needed.

The Committee recommend the continued care of this Meeting, and an appropriation of $50.00.

For the Committee,
B. F. KNOWLES.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 14th, 1886.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee is continued for service another year.

COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS IN BRITISH PROVINCES.

Benjamin F. Knowles,
George Richardson,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Thomas B. Nichols,
Rachel B. Nichols.

51. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, etc., have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz: —

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, etc., report as follows, viz.

TREASURER'S GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Balance from last year's account	$1,735 14	
Books of Discipline sold	21 00	
Dividends National Eagle Bank, Providence	75 00	
Interest on $600.00 in N. B. Five Cents Savings Bank	25 50	
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	920 00	
Salem Quarterly Meeting	680 00	
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting	1,400 00	
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting	160 00	
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting	200 00	
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting	200 00	
Dover Quarterly Meeting	160 00	
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting	280 00	
		$5,856 64

Payments.

Expenses of Yearly Meeting at Portland, 1885	$623 44	
Recording	60 00	
Printing	346 05	
Interest	25 83	
Insurance	78 75	
Alterations and repairs—Meeting House at Newport .	1,300 00	
Associated Executive Committee on Indians	595 00	
Committee on Bible Schools	79 77	
Foreign Missions	.750 00	
Freedmen	864 15	
Temperance	200 00	
Friends in British Provinces	50 00	
Expressing, Postage, etc.	6 83	
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	876 82	
		$5,856 64

In addition to the above balance ($876.82) should be stated the amount received from the executors of the estate of Henry Camps, $839.17; total, $1,715.99.

INCOME OF BOSTON MEETING HOUSE FUND.

Balance from last year's account	$1,026 92	
Received for coupons	450 00	
Received interest on Savings Bank deposit	46 42	
		$1,523 34
Paid for rent of Wesleyan Hall, Boston	400 00	
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	1,123 34	
		$1,523 34

We recommend that four thousand dollars ($4,000) be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate George Howland, Jr., for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

For the Committee,

OWEN DAME.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 15th, 1886.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland, Jr., is appointed Treasurer, and Thomas Harkness is appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed; and this Meeting also directs that it be paid into the Treasury on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

52. The Committee on Finance report as follows, viz: —

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We recommend that the appropriations from our Treasury the present year shall be as follows, viz.:—

For the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	$525 00
Bible Schools	100 00
Foreign Missions	750 00
Freedmen	900 00
Aid to Friends in British Provinces	50 00
Temperance	150 00
Peace	25 00
Education	100 00
North Carolina Mission	50 00
Gospel Work	300 00
	$2,950 00

By direction of the Committee,

OWEN DAME.

Newport, Sixth Month 15th, 1886.

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Rhode Island. — Samuel R. Buffinton.
Salem. — Owen Dame.
Sandwich. — George Howland, Jr.
Falmouth. — Augustus F. Cox.
Smithfield. — Richard Battey.
Vassalboro. — William A. Jones.
Dover. — Timothy B. Hussey.
Fairfield. — Levi Jones.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

53. Epistles to London, Ireland, Baltimore, Indiana, Ohio, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and Joint Epistles to New York Yearly Meeting, and Brumana Monthly

Meeting, were read and approved; the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

54. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed; and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand two hundred copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

55. The Clerk is authorized to sign, on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend Rebecca Collins, viz: —Rebecca Collins attended this Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us; and similar ones for Joseph Knowles, Sarah W. Congdon, William L. Pearson, Jesse McPherson, John P. Pennington, John Carey, Elwood Scott, and Mary J. H. Chappell.

56. The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend, Daniel T. Jones, viz: — Daniel T. Jones attended this Meeting. His company has been acceptable to us; and a similar one for Mary F. Walton.

57. We appoint the following Committee to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, who now are or may then be under appointment, viz: —

Samuel R. Buffinton,
Levi Jones,
Eli Jones,
Thomas Wood,
Augustus F. Cox,
George Douglas,
Ezra Hawkes,
Charles M. Jones,
Sarah M. Richardson,
Phebe S. Aydelott,
Hannah J. Bailey,
S. Jane Cox.
Robert P. Gifford.

58. The subject of the use of tobacco was introduced, and a very earnest exercise was spread over the Meeting. The habit was shown to be not only expensive, wasting money that should be better employed, but also very injurious, physically, morally and intellectually, the evil effects sometimes being apparent for generations. Ministers and Elders were tenderly reminded of their duty to be clean, as they bear the vessels of the Lord. While the aged, who have long been addicted to the habit, should be very

tenderly approached upon the subject, yet the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ was shown by several striking incidents to be sufficient even for the removal of the appetite in those who trust Him for deliverance. Parents and teachers also were reminded of the power of example as influencing those who are young; and for the sake of the rising generation they were encouraged to abandon the habit, even though it cost mental and physical suffering. Our membership was very affectionately, but earnestly advised to bear an unflinching testimony against the use of tobacco in every form.

59. Whilst we gathered at the opening of this Yearly Meeting with feelings somewhat saddened by witnessing the many vacant seats which have been so long and usefully occupied by beloved Friends, some of whom, having finished their course on earth, joyfully heard and yielded to the call, "Come up higher," and are now, as we reverently believe "forever with the Lord;" others, who through varied infirmities of body and circumstances of life, have been prevented from being with us this year, still we can thankfully acknowledge that the Lord's presence and power have been wonderfully manifested amongst us from session to session, giving the spirit of wisdom to discern, and of judgment to decide; so that we believe the oft repeated expression of "love one toward another" proceeded from true and honest hearts, however varied their sentiments may have been. And in the abounding of the Father's love, we have been enabled to transact the weighty and important affairs of the Church, we trust, to His honor, the upbuilding of His cause, and the refreshing and strengthening of our own hearts.

We now conclude, proposing to meet again at Portland, Maine, on the second Sixth-day of the Sixth Month, next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

NOTE. — The Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting are: —

GEORGE HOWLAND. JR., New Bedford, Mass.
JOSEPH CARTLAND, Newburyport, Mass.

MINUTES

OF THE

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1886.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Newport, Rhode Island, commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 11th, 1886.

Reports have been received from all our Quarterly Meetings, informing us that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz. : —

FROM RHODE ISLAND. — Ellen K. Buffum, M. Augusta Battey, Cynthia J. Earle, Phebe S. Aydelott, Adelia C. Mann, Rebecca Anthony, Phebe R. Gifford, Elizabeth S. Newton, Electa J. Collins, Mary Alice Gifford, Esther Chace, Dorcas G. Babcock and Rachel Anthony.

FROM SALEM. — Abigail C. Beede, Susan L. Meader, Lydia C. Neal, Alice W. Maxfield, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Mary J. Buxton and Amanda M. Brown.

FROM SANDWICH. — Ruth S. Murray, Mary C. Baylies, Hetty E. Howland, Anna G. Wood, Charity G. Chace, Esther D. Macomber, Rebecca D. Ewer, Susan S. Tripp, Phebe S. Delano, Ruth L. Smith, Susan T. Thompson, Lydia N. Bowerman, Mary Haffard, Mary E. Gifford and Hannah A. Brightman.

FROM FALMOUTH. — Miriam C. Webber, Lucy R. Goddard, Myra E. Frye, Lydia A. Cartland, Ellen A. Winslow, Dora E. Eastman, Phebe L. Pope, Alice W. Hawkes, Phebe P. Jones, Elizabeth H. Cobb, Elizabeth A. Douglas, S. Jane Cox and Melissa Dearborn.

FROM SMITHFIELD. — Lydia Haight, Susan Ann Gifford, Emma C. Swift, Mary Melissa Clarke, Mary A. Battey, Abbie W. Randall, Susan E. Wheeler and Sarah A. Burgess.

FROM VASSALBORO. — Eliza P. Pierce, Mary R. Jones, Hannah T. Jenkins, Elizabeth K. Jones, Etta S. Cates and Ruthanna H. Nichols.

FROM DOVER. — Eunice D. Cartland, Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Anna M. Hussey, Hannah W. Meader, Lydia E. Sawyer, Emeline H. Tuttle, Maria Purinton, Jane H. V. Durgin, Almena V. Hoag and Sarah S. Evans.

FROM FAIRFIELD. — Hannah J. Bailey, Sarah M. Richardson, Mary F. Bailey, Sarah S. Hawkes, Phebe M. Wadsworth and Olive M. Tuttle.

The Representatives being called, all responded to their names except fourteen. For the absence of seven, satisfactory reasons were given.

Epistles from our dear sisters of Ireland, Canada, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana, were read to our instruction and comfort at this time. We defer the reading of the remainder to a future sitting. A nominating Committee was appointed to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence.

Certificates of unity from their respective Meetings have been read for the following named Friends in the Ministry, viz.: — Rebecca Collins, Jonathan De Voll, Joseph Knowles and Sarah W. Congdon, from New York Yearly Meeting; William L. Pearson and Jesse McPherson, from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; John P. Pennington, John Carey and Elwood Scott, from Indiana Yearly Meeting, and Mary J. H. Chappell, from Western Yearly Meeting.

Satisfactory testimonials have also been read on behalf of Mary F. Walton, companion to her mother Rebecca Collins, and Daniel T. Jones, companion to John Carey.

The company of these Gospel Messengers from different parts of the Lord's vineyard has been truly acceptable to us, and we earnestly desire that their service among us may be blessed, and that both visitors and visited may be refreshed together.

We unite with Men Friends in the appointment of a Committee to prepare returning Minutes for Friends in attendance of this Meeting with certificates, if way should open, viz: — Emeline H. Tuttle, Mary Almy Chase, Elizabeth S. Newton, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Rebecca Anthony and Hannah J. Bailey.

We appoint the following Friends to unite with a Committee from the Men's Meeting, to arrange for the holding of religious meetings and meetings of Committees, viz: — Sarah M. Richardson, Phebe S. Aydelott and Hannah J. Bailey.

The Representatives were requested to confer together, and propose to our next Meeting the name of a Friend for Clerk, and also one for Assistant Clerk, of this Meeting.

We gratefully acknowledge the presence and help of the Great Head of the Church at this opening session of our Yearly Meeting. The spirit of grace and supplication has been poured out upon us, and we are enabled under a sense of fresh mercies, to "thank God and take courage."

We adjourn to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. — Met according to adjournment.

Phebe R. Gifford, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing Anna G. Wood for Clerk, and Susan T. Thompson and Alice W. Maxfield, for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being severally approved, they were appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The reading of the Epistles was continued. Those from Western, Iowa, and Kansas Yearly Meetings were acceptably read. These sisterly greetings from year to year strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship, and tend to draw us nearer to each other, and nearer to our blessed Lord.

The Committee appointed for that purpose have presented the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence, which being acceptable to the Meeting, they are accordingly appointed to that service, viz. :— Susan Ann Gifford, Gulielma C. Wood, M. Augusta Battey, Mary Almy Chase, Emeline H. Tuttle, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Rebecca Anthony, Myra E. Frye, Charlotte D. Holmes, Alice W. Maxfield, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Huldah H. Leighton, S. Jane Cox, Mary F. Bailey, Ellen C. Jones, Salome C. Wheeler, Sarah E. Buffinton, Phebe S. Aydelott, Lydia Ann Cartland, S. Caroline Tobey, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Charity G. Chace, Olive M. Tuttle, Lydia Haight, Mary E. Gifford, Elizabeth K. Jones, Louisa N. Meader, Esther D. Macomber, and Electa J. Collins.

Men Friends inform us that they have received from Salem Quarterly Meeting, the following request, viz : — "That the subject of the combined action of all the Yearly Meetings of Friends, with a view to influence governments on the question of international arbitration be taken into consideration by the Yearly Meeting, with the hope that it may find a way to make some definite movement in the matter." We unite with the Men's Meeting in the appointment of a Joint Committee, to whom the whole subject is referred. The Committee are as follows, viz: — Mary Alice Gifford, Abigail C. Beede, Susan T. Thompson, Lydia A. Cartland, Lydia Haight, Mary R. Jones, Emeline H. Tuttle and Sarah M. Richardson.

We appoint the following-named Friends to prepare a Summary of the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, and present it to a future sitting, viz.:—Rebecca D. Ewer, M. Augusta Battey, Lucy R. Goddard, Susan Ann Gifford, Jane Nichols, Phebe S. Aydelott, Eunice D. Cartland, Elizabeth S. Newton and Eliza P. Pierce.

By accounts received from our several Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that changes have occurred within their borders during the past year. — (*See* p. 5.)

In considering this list, we have been anew reminded that "here we have no continuing city," and while we miss the loved faces from our midst, and so constantly feel the loss of their wise counsel, we are but drawn more closely to the Lord whom they served so faithfully, who will also be sufficient to supply all our needs, as He did theirs who now, we trust, have entered into rest.

The statistics of membership in our different Quarterly Meetings have been read. (*See* p. 8.)

We adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SEVENTH-DAY MORNING THE 12TH. — Met according to adjournment.

The Committee to whom was entrusted the care and oversight of the Boarding School at Providence, presented their Annual Report. (*See* p. 8.)

This Report was accepted, and was satisfactory to the Meeting. We commend the School with all its varied interests to the continued blessing of our Heavenly Father, and unite with Men Friends in the reappointment of the same Committee to take charge of it the ensuing year.

We adjourn to meet in joint session at 4 o'clock this afternoon. (*See* pp. 15-33.)

Second-day Afternoon, the 14th. — Met according to adjournment.

An acceptable Epistle from our dear Sisters of London Yearly Meeting has been read at this time.

The consideration of the state of Society, as presented by the Answers to the Queries, was now entered upon, and words of wise counsel and loving encouragement were extended to us.

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

Answer 1. — All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, and duly attended, with the following exceptions: In four Quarterly Meetings fifteen small meetings have been omitted. Three others report the omission of "a few small meetings." One Quarterly Meeting reports that in one of its Meetings no Mid-week Meetings have been held the last three months; and another, no Mid-week Meetings during the Quarter, except two Preparative Meetings. No Meetings have been held at Nantucket. With little exception, the hour has been observed. Not quite clear of unbecoming behavior.

Ans. 2. — With a few exceptions, love and unity are maintained among us. Detraction is not sufficiently guarded against. Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear.

Ans. 3. — Most Friends endeavor to maintain a religious life and conversation; yet there is an apparent want of earnestness in these respects. Some deficiency exists in training children according to our Christian profession.

Ans. 4. — We believe that nearly all our members are in the practice of daily reading the Holy Scriptures, both individually and collectively; encouraging their children and others in this important duty. Four Quarterly Meetings report deficiency in maintaining our testimony to a free Gospel ministry.

Ans. 5. — Our members abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. More care is needed on the part of some to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character. Moderation appears to be generally observed.

Ans. 6. — The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and care is extended in the education of their children.

Ans. 7. — Clear.

Ans. 8. — Generally careful in the several parts of this Query.

Ans. 9. — Our records are attended to. A few removals without certificates, some of which are under notice.

Ans. 10. — The discipline appears to have been administered in Christian tenderness and impartially, but not always timely.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

The Answers to the Queries reveal unusual deficiency in the attendance of our Meetings, and we have been enjoined to look at the real cause of the difficulty. If our hearts are full of the love of Jesus we shall find our way to Meeting whenever we can, and seek to make a way for others to go. We regret that so many of our members lose the advantage that would result to their own souls by the attendance of the Mid-week Meetings. The very fact of laying aside the daily cares that press so heavily upon us is a rest to our souls, and, after an hour spent, it may be in silent communion with the Lord Jesus and His people, it may be in more active service for Him; we shall return to our homes strengthened for our toils, and our spirits renewed with breathing the fresh breezes of the kingdom. And when we go to our Meetings, however small they may be, let us seek to make them lively. It requires the grace of God, and faith and prayer, to believe that He can revive our little, often silent gatherings, but if we only realize His presence there, we shall be blessed.

Our union with one another has its centre in our union with Christ; when filled with His Spirit we shall bear the fruits of the Spirit, and the first fruit is love to Him, and love to one another. Then we shall be kept from all detraction. We may not really mean to speak evil of any one, but it is so easy to say a little word which may become like a mountain that cannot be done away. We want, as members of the household of faith, as redeemed children of God, to do nothing that will hurt one another, to be clean-hearted and clean-handed before the Lord who is in our midst. Let us go into an examination and see if we have failed; let us ask the Lord to cleanse us from all sin, and give us strength to follow him perfectly, walking humbly before Him, day by day, so that when the end of time shall come, when eternity opens before us, we shall hear the welcome call — "Come up higher."

We unite with Men Friends in the addition of William Jacob to the Committee on Temperance.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society presented their Second Annual Report, viz.: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting the Second Annual Report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, our hearts are filled with gratitude that the Lord has so graciously blessed our efforts in this work.

Our membership now numbers 617 in our 31 auxiliaries, and the interest manifested throughout our different branches is strong and constantly increasing. $1,722.37 have been sent to the Treasurer the past year. The amount received by her the previous year was $567.97, making a gain of $1,154.40. This tangible proof of the increase, not only of interest but also of knowledge of needs, causes us to rest assured that giving in the name of the Lord from the store, whether larger or smaller, wherewith He has blessed us, the cruse of oil will never fail. We have extended sympathy and aid to Missions in Syria, Mexico, Jamaica, Africa, Palestine, India and to the American Indians.

On account of the great need among our American Indians, and the deep interest felt by many of our members for them, an Indian Department has been added to this Society, and our faith is strong that ability will be given to carry on this additional work.

Rhode Island. — Sarah Caroline Tobey, Vice President; 6 auxiliaries; number of members, 145. The work has gone on in our auxiliaries with increasing interest. Boxes have been sent to Jamaica and Syria and gratefully acknowledged. A cheering letter has been received from Saada Fadil, the little Syrian girl, who is being educated by this Quarterly Meeting. She expresses her gratitude to all the kind Friends who have helped her to a knowledge of the Gospel, and we feel encouraged to uphold valiantly those who are actively engaged in Mission work.

Salem. — Mary Almy Chase, Vice President; 5 auxiliaries with a membership of 108. We look back upon a year, ,not of great work, but of deeper interest and a growing knowledge of the needs to be met and privileges connected with the organization. Sales of aprons and fancy articles have been held and other means employed to raise funds. Correspondence has been opened directly with the workers in the Mission fields, thus as it were, enabling us to put our hands directly upon the handle of the plough which shall break the soil, into which is to be cast the seed that shall spring up and bear fruit, some thirty, some sixty, some an hundred fold.

Sandwich. — Mary J. Gifford, Vice President; 5 auxiliaries with a total membership of 98. Some have held meetings semi-monthly, and others, owing to the scattered condition of the members have met once a month. Funds have been sent to the Jamaica Mission and to Jeremiah Hubbard. We hope by adopting some definite plan of work, to be able to accomplish more in the coming year than we have in the past.

Falmouth. — Myra E. Frye, Vice President; 3 auxiliaries; 67 members. Meetings are held monthly in all our auxiliaries. We have increased our funds by holding Missionary concerts, picnic suppers, and by apron and pillow-case sales. The children in one auxiliary have sent to the girls' school at Brumana, a quilt which was mostly the work of their own hands. Interesting Essays which add to our store of Missionary knowledge are read in our meetings. The first Sabbath evening of each month is observed as a time of prayer for Missions, and for those who carry to men and women in heathen lands the blessed news of salvation through Christ

Smithfield. — Esther Osborne, Vice President; 2 auxiliaries; 28 members. The work of one auxiliary has been mostly for children attending their Bible School. The Bible Schools in our Quarterly Meeting are still interested in collecting funds for the support of a scholar at the "Brumana Training Home for Girls." Our plan for collecting funds has been the same as last year. We consider it a better way to forward the money we collect than to send boxes of clothing to foreign fields. Our members feel a prayerful interest in the progress of Missionary work, and an earnest desire for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom in all the waste places of the earth.

Vassalboro. — Ruthanna H. Nichols, Vice President; 2 auxiliaries; 44 members. In one of our auxiliaries the members are scattered too widely to hold monthly meetings, but have worked individually and in Public Meetings. In the other, meetings have been held monthly when circumstances permitted. A log cabin quilt, twenty pairs of pillow cases and several wrappers, were sent to Brumana in a Christmas box, from Winthrop, Maine. It has been cheering to see the Missionary spirit at Oak Grove Seminary, which resulted in Oak Grove Missionary Society, organized during the Spring term, with a constitution and by-laws of its own. Their sympathies and correspondence were with Evi Sharpless in Jamaica, but their funds were not expended when their report was made.

Dover. — Anna M. Hussey, Vice President; 3 auxiliaries; 29 members. We are conscious that our record will not show as great results as we could desire; yet we bring our work, imperfect as it is, and lay it at the Master's feet. The members of all our auxiliaries manifest much interest in the Monthly Meetings, but these have not all been regularly held on account of the inconvenience of getting together during the winter months. A package containing a cut of cotton cloth, dresses, skirts, aprons, sheets, mattrass covers, patch work, plaid dress goods, etc., was sent to Jamaica from two of our auxiliaries. In Third month a little assortment of thread, needles, scissors, thimbles, etc., with some cotton cloth, all valued at $6.00, was contributed by one of our Societies to the Girls' Training Home, Syria, and forwarded in a box sent by C. M. Jones at that time.

Fairfield. — Harriet N. Jones, Vice President; 5 auxiliaries; 96 members. During the past year our women have not been unmindful of their duty towards their sisters in foreign lands, but have freely devoted time and substance to the work, as opportunity and ability afforded. The feeling among us is, we believe, that by the help of God, and under His blessing, we will do better work the coming year.

ALICE W. MAXFIELD, *Recording Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF W. F. M. SOCIETY.

Women's F. M. Society of New England Yearly Meeting, in account with Hannah J. Bailey, Treasurer,

Dr.

To amount on hand Sixth Month, 1885		$572 47
Sixth Month, 1885, collection at Public Meeting	$60 00	
Proeeeds from sale of goods from Sandwich Qr.	6 90	
Given by two Friends	26 00	
Donation to educate a Missionary's daughter	75 00	
Sundry collections	110 08	
		$277 98
		$850 45

Received from Rhode Island Qr., S. Caroline Tobey, Vice Pres.	$508 43	
Received from Salem Qr., Mary A. Chase, V. Pres. . .	208 16	
" " Sandwich Qr., Mary J. Gifford, V. Pres.	150 48	
" " Falmouth Qr., Myra E. Frye, V. Pres.	107 74	
" " Smithfield Qr., Esther Osborn, V. Pres.	66 00	
" " Vassalboro Qr., R. H. Nichols, V. Pres.	69 20	
" " Dover Qr., Anna M. Hussey, V. Pres.	115 14	
" " Fairfield Qr. Harriet N. Jones, V. Pres.	219 44	$1,444 59
Total receipts		$2,295 04

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By am't sent to S. A. Purdie and others, for missions in Mexico	$175 00	
By am't paid Treasurer of Ramallah Fund	74 13	
By am't sent to Brumana Mission, Syria	654 03	
By am't paid Treasurer of African Fund	40 12	
By am't sent J. H. Townsend, for Buff Bay Mission, Jamaica	59 00	
By am't sent J. Hubbard, for Indian Mission	73 00	
By am't sent Evi Sharpless, for Sea Side Mission, Jamaica	302 44	
By am't paid Earlham College, for education of a Missionary's daughter	165 00	
By am't sent to North Carolina Mission	20 00	
By am't sent to India	10 00	
By am't paid for printing, stationery, etc.	7 75	$1,580 47
Remaining with the Treasurer, in trust		714 57
Total		$2,295 04

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Treasurer.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 14th, 1886.

I have examined the foregoing account, and find it correct.

M. AUGUSTA BATTEY, *Auditor.*

We thankfully acknowledge that the work of our Sisters during the past year has been richly blessed. Means have unexpectedly flowed into the Treasury from various sources, and avenues of usefulness have been opened. We commend the work with much confidence to the care of the following named Friends, Officers of the Society, trusting that the Lord will continue to bless their loving service for him.

President—Ruth S. Murray, New Bedford, Mass.
Vice Presidents—Phebe S. Aydelott, Fall River, Mass.
Huldah H. Leighton, Woodfords, Me.
Corresponding and Editorial Sec. — Margaret C. Kimber, Newport, R. I.
Recording Secretary—Alice W. Maxfield, Amesbury, Mass.
Treasurer—Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop, Me.
Auditor—M. Augusta Battey, Providence, R. I.

QUARTERLY MEETING VICE PRESIDENTS.

Sarah Caroline Tobey, 67 Angell Street, Providence, R. I.
Mary Almy Chase, Manchester, N. H.
Mary Jane Gifford, Sandwich, Mass.
Myra E. Frye, Portland, Me.
Esther Osborne, Woonsocket, R. I.
Ruthanna H. Nichols, East Vassalboro, Me.
Anna M. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
Harriet N. Jones, Winthrop, Me.

We adjourn to meet in Joint Session to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

See pages 36–50 for Minutes of Joint Session.

Fourth-day Morning, the 16th. — Met near 10 o'clock.

The Records of the Representative Meeting were read, and its proceedings approved.

The Representative Meeting having referred the subject of divorce to this Meeting, we unite with the Men's Meeting in the appointment of the following named Friends, to take the subject into consideration and report next year, viz: — Anna G. Wood, Lucy A. Snow, Mary R. Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, Elizabeth S. Newton, M. Augusta Battey and Salome C. Wheeler.

Friends have been appointed to constitute a Representative Meeting for the coming year. (*See* page 51.)

The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools was now presented and read. (*See* p. 33.) The labors of the Committee have been satisfactory, and they are continued in the service, with the omission of the name of Hannah S. Wing, and the addition of that of Albert F. Minott.

The interests of the few scattered members of our Society, now or formerly in the British Provinces, have again claimed our attention, and we have read and accepted the Report of the Committee having them in charge, and the same Friends are reappointed to that service the ensuing year. (*See* p. 51.)

The Committee on Peace have presented a Report, which is acceptable to this Meeting, and we unite with Men Friends in the reappointment of the same Committee (with the exception of Hannah S. Wing) to labor in this cause the ensuing year, as way may open for it. (*See* p. 50.)

The Committee to audit and settle the Treasurer's Account have attended to their duty, and report. The report is accepted, and we unite with Men Friends in the appointment of George Howland, Jr., as Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Thomas Harkness as Treasurer of the School Funds. (*See* p. 52.)

The Report of the Committee on Finance has been read, and its recommendations accepted in concurrence with Men Friends. (*See* p. 54.)

A letter addressed to the dear children of this Yearly Meeting was read and approved.

We adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

FOURTH-DAY AFTERNOON, THE 16TH. — Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Representatives being called, thirty-one were absent.

Reasonable excuses were offered for the non-attendance of many.

Joint Epistles addressed to our dear friends of New York, and Brumana, have been read and accepted. Epistles to our dear Sisters of London, Ireland, Canada, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, and Kansas, have also been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Committee appointed to prepare returning Minutes for ministering Friends and others in attendance of this Meeting with certificates, have presented the following for our friend, Rebecca Collins: — "Rebecca Collins attended this Meeting; her company and religious services have been acceptable to us." Similar ones have also been prepared for our friends, Sarah W. Congdon, Jonathan De Voll, Joseph Knowles, John P. Pennington, John Carey, Elwood Scott, William L. Pearson, Jesse McPherson, and

Mary J. H. Chappell. The Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

The Clerk is further authorized to sign the following Minute for our friend, Mary F. Walton : — "Mary F. Walton attended this Meeting ; her company has been acceptable to us." A similar one was also prepared for our friend, Daniel T. Jones.

The Representatives, to whom was referred the subject of the selection of a place for the holding of our Yearly Meeting in 1887, have concluded to recommend that it be held in Portland, Maine, with which this Meeting unites.

It was also concluded that no change should be made in the wording of the Fifth Query, with which we unite.

We have united with the Men's Meeting in the appointment of a Committee to arrange for holding religious meetings, and meetings of Committees, during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting. (*See* p. 55.)

The Clerk, having the concurrence of the Men's Meeting, is authorized to procure the printing of thirty-five hundred copies of the Letter to the Children, and to call on the Treasurer for the expense incurred, also to procure the printing of the Minutes of this meeting, (omitting the Reports of the Joint Committees, and the Minutes of the Meeting in Joint Session) and also the epistles received from our sisters of other Yearly Meetings, for circulation among our members.

In reviewing the labors and exercises of the past week, and the various subjects which have come before us for consideration and discussion, our hearts are bowed in humble thanksgiving for the grace and help extended to us. The dear Lord has manifested His presence, and we have been enabled to rejoice in His name. To His loving care we commend ourselves and the interests of His Church, which He has purchased with His own blood.

We now conclude, proposing to meet again in Portland, Maine, at the usual time next year if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

ANNA G. WOOD, *Clerk.*

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MINUTES

OF THE

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

FOR

NEW ENGLAND.

1887

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MINUTES OF THE MEN'S MEETING.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Me., commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 10th, 1887.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.:

From Rhode Island — Samuel R. Buffinton, Robert P. Gifford, Anthony M. Kimber, Joseph S. Anthony, Benjamin F. Knowles, Charles A. Chace, Augustine Jones, Joseph E. Macomber, Daniel Meader, William Jacob, John S. Kimber, Charles W. Earle and Charles D. Kenyon.

From Salem — Daniel C. Maxfield, Owen Dame, Thomas Wood, Clement R. Hanson, William O. Newhall, Joseph Cartland, Peter M. Neal, Charles H. Thorndike, Albert C. Hill, Olney T. Meader and George L. Crosman.

From Sandwich — George Howland, Jr., Edward G. Dillingham, Arnold G. Tripp, Joseph Ewer, Gideon Wood, Joshua L. Macomber, David Kelley, David H. Potter, Stephen R. Wing, William H. Gardner and John C. Taylor.

From Falmouth — Sumner G. Williams, Silas H. Cartland, Geo. Douglas, John T. Fellows, John J. Frye, Augustus F. Cox, Henry F. Newell, Edward C. Jones, Charles A. Nichols, John H. Hall, Albert F. Minott, Ezra Hawkes and Charles W. Goddard.

From Smithfield — Isaac Steere, Richard Battey, William Aldrich and Oscar J. Morse.

From Vassalboro — Alfred H. Jones, Eli Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Josiah Philbrook, William A. Jones, Hezekiah Pope and Frank E. Jones.

FROM DOVER—William P. Tuttle, Samuel Buffum, Asa C. Tuttle, John B. Cartland, George I. Jenness and Oliver Meader.

FROM FAIRFIELD—Henry Winslow, Howard B. Wyman, Levi Jones, I. Warren Hawkes, Joseph E. Briggs, Jacob Pope, George B. Wing and Mark Osborne.

Whose names being called, they were present except twelve, for the absence of six of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends Benjamin F. Farquhar and Mary J. Weaver, from New York Yearly Meeting; David E. Sampson, from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Jeremiah A. Grinnell, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; John P. Pennington, William P. Pinkham and Ezra G. Pearson, from Indiana Yearly Meeting; Josiah Dillon, Evi Sharpless, William Marshall and James P. Pinkham, from Iowa Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

4. We have also the acceptable company of Charlotte M. Farquhar, companion to her husband, Benjamin F. Farquhar; and Jane M. Grinnell, an Elder and companion to her husband, Jeremiah A. Grinnell, with satisfactory credentials from their friends at home.

5. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Yearly Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning Minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following named Friends, viz.:—Joseph Cartland, William P. Macomber, Benjamin F. Knowles, Augustine Jones, Charles M. Jones and Hezekiah Binns.

6. Epistles have been received at this time from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond except London and Ohio; also one from the Monthly Meeting of Brumana, Syria. Those from Ireland, Baltimore, North Carolina, Indiana, Western and Iowa, have been read at this time to our comfort and edification, the reading of the remaining ones is deferred to a future sitting.

7. We appoint a Committee to nominate a Committee on Correspondence, and report at a future sitting.

8. We appoint Owen Dame, Arnold G. Tripp, Sumner G. Williams, William Aldrich, Josiah Philbrook, Samuel Buffum, Henry Winslow and Charles W. Earle, a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to pro-

pose a sum of money to be raised, sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer; also one for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

9. We appoint Benjamin F. Knowles, Joseph Cartland, William P. Macomber, Ezra Hawkes, Isaac Steere, Hartwell A. Jenkins, William P. Tuttle and Isaac Winslow, a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it at a future sitting.

10. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that Levi Almy, a Minister, and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, died Seventh Month 15th, 1886, aged 77 years; Jacob Mott, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Fifth Month 15th, 1886, aged 82 years, 3 months and 24 days; and that Isaac B. Macomber has been appointed correspondent of that Monthly Meeting — address, Portsmouth R.I.; that Abel F. Collins, an Elder, and member of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 15th, 1886, aged 77 years, 4 months and 23 days; that it has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Phebe S. Aydelott; also with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary E. Kenyon to the station of Elder. Charles W. Earle has been appointed correspondent of Greenwich Monthly Meeting — address Fiskeville, R.I.; also, that it has united in the appointment of twenty-nine members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that Mary J. Paige, an Elder, and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died First Month 31st, 1887, aged 75 years, 1 month and 4 days; that it has united with Amesbury Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Charles E. Peaslee; that Mary B. Chase, an Elder, and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, died Twelfth Month 12th, 1886, aged 75 years, 2 months and 11 days; also, that it has united in the appointment of twenty-five members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of James D. Hoxie to the station of Elder; and with Westport Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Gideon Gifford and Elizabeth A. Taylor to the same station. Betsey P. Wood, an Elder, and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, died Eighth Month 18th, 1886, aged 90 years, 7 months and 10 days; also, that it has united in the appointment of twenty-eight members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public ministry of Albert F. Minott; and in the appointment of Jane T. Varney to the station of Elder; with Durham Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public ministry of Susan C. Berry; and with Windham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lucy A. Hawkes to the station of Elder; that Hannah V. Meader, an Elder and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 17th, 1886, aged 78 years, 2 months and 7 days; that Freeman Andrews, a Minister and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Ninth Month 3d, 1886, aged 62 years and 14 days; also, that it has united in the appointment of seven members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of George S. Southwick, Calvin R. Rockwood and Emma C. Swift, to the station of Elder.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public ministry of George H. Pope; and that Phebe W. Bean, an Elder, and member of China Monthly Meeting, died Twelfth Month 23d, 1886, aged 56 years, 10 months and 17 days.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Amanda M. Meader and Mercy Jenness to the station of Elder; and in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public ministry of Lydia E. Jenkins; and that Martha A. Roberts, a Minister, and member of Dover Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 13th, 1887, aged 69 years, 8 months and 11 days.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Esther A. Wyman to the station of Elder; and with Winthrop Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Mary F. Bailey and Elijah Farr to the same station; also, that it has united in the appointment of twenty-two members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

11. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid, or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportion of stock called for last year.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. — Met pursuant to adjournment.

12. Samuel R. Buffinton, on behalf of the representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William O. Newhall for Clerk, and Timothy B. Hussey and Daniel C. Maxfield for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being severally approved, they are accordingly appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

13. The Epistles from New York, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and from Brumana Monthly Meeting, were now read.

14. The Committee appointed last year upon the subject of divorce, presented the following report, viz.:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIVORCE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee on the subject of Divorce report that they advise the insertion of the following on the 123d page of the Discipline, edition of 1878, between the last two paragraphs:

"Monthly Meetings shall neither solemnize nor permit marriages between persons, either of whom has been divorced; unless it be the innocent party in a case of divorce for the one cause sanctioned by our Saviour.

"If any Friend shall marry a divorced person, contrary to the true intent and meaning of the foregoing rule, his Monthly Meeting shall disown him."

On behalf of the Committee,

AUGUSTINE JONES.

Sixth Month 10th, 1887.

Which is accepted by the Meeting, and adopted, and directed to be printed upon slips, and inserted in our Books of Discipline, women Friends concurring.

15. The Statistical Account, received from our Quarterly Meetings, was now read, and is as follows, viz.:

STATISTICAL ACCOUNT.

	Number reported last year.	Error in last year's report.—Gain.	Error in last year's report.—Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number of Members.
Rhode Island .	759	0	0	5	16	8	4	56	5	44	0	803
Salem	669	1	0	4	15	3	7	22	5	3	0	672
Sandwich . . .	658	0	0	3	27	3	5	2	2	0	26	632
Falmouth . . .	683	0	0	9	12	0	2	18	10	3	0	686
Smithfield . . .	382	0	2	3	10	0	0	1	1	0	9	373
Vassalboro . .	488	0	0	3	10	8	9	25	0	17	0	505
Dover	278	15	0	1	4	1	0	5	0	18	0	296
Fairfield	495	0	0	1	9	1	1	11	5	0	2	493
Total	4412	16	2	29	103	24	28	140	28	85	37	4460
Total Gain . .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	48		

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

SEVENTH-DAY MORNING, THE 11TH.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

16. Charles H. Daniels, a delegate from the Congregational Conference of Maine, came to bring to us the loving greeting of his branch of the Church of Christ. We welcome our brother in the fellowship of the Gospel, and unite with his desire that we may all, in our several allotments, be engaged in the service of our one Master, the Lord Jesus Christ.

17. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, presented their Annual Report, viz: —

REPORT OF BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The School Committee present their Sixty-eighth Annual Report. The School has moved forward in its several departments very quietly and harmoniously, as well as satisfactorily to the Committee.

The sanitary condition of the household has been almost uninterruptedly good. No case of serious illness during the year.

The average number of pupils has been 67 boys and 77 girls as boarders, and 20 as day scholars.

At a meeting of the Committee in the Ninth Month last, the following Minute was entered upon our records: — "We are informed by the Principal that the School has, pending the vacation, been made the recipient of several donations; from our friend and colleague, Hannah J. Bailey, of $500.00 for table linen and china for the dining room; from another friend and colleague, Charles Taber, of two fine steel engravings, and one photograph, with appropriate frames; from a friend of the Institution, C. Alice Jones, $100.00 for rubbers for the dining room chairs, and for wall paper; and from another friend of the Institution, Mary R. Osborne, of $100 00 for carpets and for wall paper. The renewed evidences of interest in the School from our dear friends, as expressed by these kind remembrances are very gratifying; they are accepted by us with great pleasure."

The Reports of our Sub-committees for the more immediate care of the Schools and family for the intervals between our regular meetings, have been very satisfactory, as they have not only set forth the fact of the excellent work that is being done in the class-rooms, but also the far greater work in the increased and increasing interest in matters of higher import manifested by the scholars in their social meetings; of the beneficial effects of this spiritual influence upon the minds and hearts of our pupils, eternity alone can declare the results.

The following-named persons have been connected with the School as officers of government and instruction during the year:—

AUGUSTINE JONES, A.M., LL.B., Principal and Political Science.
CHARLES H. BEITEL, Governor and English Studies.
SUSAN S. MOORE, Governess and English Studies.
BESSIE T. WING, History and Literature.
THOMAS J. BATTEY, A.B., Natural Science.
MARY E. RAWSON, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
SOPHIA L. PITMAN, Drawing and Painting.
BENJAMIN W. WELLS, Ph.D., Modern Languages.
ALBERT A. STANLEY, Instrumental Music.
WILLIAM C. LADD, A.M., Greek and Latin.
WALTER S. MEADER, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
GEORGE A. BARTON, A.M., Greek, Latin and Philosophy.
CLARA A. WINSLOW, English Studies.
MARY P. HELME, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
*ALICE M. JONES, English Studies.
ALLEN W. WEEKS, Mechanic Arts.
LAURA F. WEEKS, Calisthenics.
EDWARD F. ROBINSON, A.B., Mathematics, and in charge of school-rooms.
LUCY J. HAWKES, Primary Room.

GEORGE A. BARTON, A.M., Secretary and Book-keeper.
ANNIE E. EWER, Librarian.

*Deceased.

The following Report of the Auditors, made to the Committee at their meeting in the Fourth Month, gives the condition of the Treasury at the close of the year on the 1st of Seventh Month, 1886:—

PROVIDENCE, Fourth Month 5th, 1887.

To the N. E. Y. M. Boarding School Committee:

The Auditors report the following as the result of the financial operations of the School for the year ending Seventh Month 1st, 1886.

RECEIPTS.

From Elizabeth Fry Fund for Board and Tuition . .	$1,500 00	
From P. J. Tripp Fund for Board and Tuition . . .	103 34	
From all other sources for Board and Tuition . . .	33,581 27	
From Study of Languages, Music and other extras .	3,421 72	
From General Fund	5,821 91	
From Profit and Loss for old accounts collected . .	158 01	
		$44,586 25

EXPENDITURES.

For Salaries	$17,963 41	
Wages	6,236 50	
Provisions	9,847 15	
Repairs and renewals	3,748 91	
Water	420 28	
Fuel	1,602 62	
Light	948 02	
Papers and periodicals	119 20	
Incidentals	340 21	
Advertising	622 28	
City Tax for 1885	2,885 50	
Improvements	615 45	
Library	278 55	
Profit and Loss, to suspended accounts during the previous year	532 18	
	$46,160 26	
Leaving a balance to charge Profit and Loss on the year's work	1,574 01	
		$44,586 25

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON,
J. O. INMAN,
J. H. CHACE,
ROB'T P. GIFFORD,
Auditors.

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School for the coming year be the same as for the last three years, viz. .—

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$150 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting	250 00
For all others who may be admitted	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, or German, $10.00; for one year's instruction in Pencil Drawing, $15.00; for one year's instruction in Mechanical and Crayon Drawing, and Painting, $30.00.

Alice M. Jones, who graduated from the School in 1881, and who had been a teacher for two years and two months, on account of failing health retired from the School in Twelfth Month, 1886; on the 11th of Third Month last she departed to her eternal rest, at the age of about 26 years. Her character was strong and genuine, and although life was brief, she has left an indelible impress on the Institution. Her conscientious, inflexible obedience to duty, her critical and thorough teaching, penetrated with great educational energy the lives and characters of her pupils, and profoundly inspired her associates. Her beautiful Christian life, so earnest and true, allured to brighter worlds and led the way.

With reverent thankfulness to our gracious Lord for His watchful, parental care over us during the year in preserving in health and in leading so many of our dear young friends to look to Him and Him alone for guidance and protection, and beseeching Him to continue to watch over and keep, as in the hollow of His hand, our beloved Institution, we conclude.

Signed on behalf of and by direction of the Committee,

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Boarding School, Providence, Fifth Month 31st, 1887.

Note. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 14th, 1887, and ends Second Month 8th, 1888. The Spring Term begins Second Month 8th, 1888, and ends Sixth Month 25th, 1888.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the Second of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date, after which, applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

The report is accepted, and approved by the Meeting, and we commend the Institution to the continued care of our Heavenly Father, who has so long watched over it, and to the prayerful interest of Friends. We refer the continued care of the School to the Committee now under appointment.

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Charles F. Coffin,
George Howland, Jr.
Timothy B. Hussey,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Richard Battey,
James H. Chace,
James O. Inman,
Peter M. Neal,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
Augustus F. Cox,
Robert P. Gifford,
Charles Taber,
Caleb Jones,
Charles C. Varney,
I. Warren Hawkes,
William O. Newhall,
Isaac Oscar Winslow,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Sylvia G. Howland,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Rebecca A. Steere,
Anna G. Wood,
Deborah W. Crosman,
Elizabeth H. Austin,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Esther Jones,
Caroline C. Earle,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Lydia C. Neal,
Ruth S. Murray,
Alice W. Maxfield,
Anna M. Hussey,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,
Ruthanna H. Nichols.

18. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South have presented their Annual Report, together with the Report of the condition of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn., made by its Superintendent, William P. Hastings. We again refer this concern to the same Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The School at Maryville opened for the Spring Term, First Month 3d. Although the time for extensive notice was short, yet during the first month over one hundred and twenty students were enrolled; nearly eighty of these were in the Normal Class, receiving instruction to fit them for teaching and other useful pursuits. Sixty-two of this number were helped by the George Sturge Fund.

The School closed Fifth Month 20th, with one hundred and thirty-four enrolled, and ninety-four in attendance.

One of the Committee visited Maryville in the Twelfth Month last, and after an interesting meeting with the people, he was very pleasantly solicited by a number of the leading men to make an arrangement for opening the School with the former Principal at its head. This was done much to the apparent satisfaction of nearly every one who was to receive the benefit of the School.

It is always encouraging to see the recipients of a benefit willing to manifest their appreciation of what is being done for them; and there is no better way for doing this than readily to yield to the wishes of their friends in the management of an institution of learning like that at Maryville, and with industry, use the privileges offered for acquiring an education useful in securing the material and social comforts of life. This the visitor found evidence to hope for.

It will be seen by the Principal's report, that one hundred and forty of the Institute's former students have the past year been imparting instruction to over six thousand of their own race. This consideration ought to encourage us to continue our efforts for their benefit and our country's good.

Every true believer in the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ has great cause to be thankful, not only for the continued interest manifested among us to help elevate the colored people from the condition in which slavery left them, but also to know that a like interest induces many of our countrymen to heartily engage in the same cause; so we are no longer alone, as formerly, in carrying on this work for their good.

To be interested in elevating the race at large is noble, and will not lose its reward; and in conducting the work among the colored people, we meet the obligation and duties of the missionary without leaving our shores.

The subjects of Temperance and Peace largely claimed the attention of the students, so that a goodly number of their essays were upon these subjects; and when they go forth to teach, we have reasons to believe that their influence will be felt for good.

As there are some much needed repairs, we hope that the Meeting will see its way clear to appropriate eight hundred dollars; and from other sources and contributions the Committee trust that the good work can be carried on.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

To balance from last year	$158 58	
Henry Camps Fund	28 50	
Appropriation and other sources	844 40	
		$1,031 48

EXPENDITURES.

For tuition	$600 00	
Stoves and various other things, as per bill	70 37	
Repairs	48 69	
Assisted a needy student from H. Camps Fund	7 19	
Balance carried to new account	305 23	
		$1,031 48

The Committee submit this report with the hope that the School will be as useful and as satisfactory the coming year as it has been during the last term, and that harmony and kind feelings between teachers and pupils will remain unabated.

For the Committee.

B. F. KNOWLES.

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 11th, 1887.

REPORT FOR THE FREEDMEN'S NORMAL INSTITUTE FOR THE YEAR 1887.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

School was opened this year on First Month 3d, and closed on Fifth Month 19th.

Number of days taught	99
Number enrolled	134
Number daily average	102¼
Per cent. of attendance	90
Number of teachers in Training Class	78
Number teaching in different States	140
Number taught by former students (estimated)	6300
Number self-boarders in the buildings	68
Number in reading classes	134
Written spelling	134
Arithmetic	134
English grammar	105
English composition	105
United States history	17
Geology of Tennessee	6
Latin classes	12
Greek	2
Algebra	7
Geometry	2
Book-keeping	8
Trigonometry and surveying	2
Rhetoric	4
Logic	4

It may be stated that, notwithstanding some of our students who would have attended had the School opened at the usual time, failed to do so on account of the uncertainty as to its future management; yet, a much larger number than usual were in attendance during the five months taught. They were generally of a more advanced grade than we had ever had before, both in the common school and higher branches of learning.

The moral and religious instruction has been kept up to the full standard. Especially have the subjects of Peace and Temperance been kept prominently before the students. Through the liberality of a few New England Friends we have been supplied with literature on these subjects, which has been distributed and read by the students, and a number of them have requested for, and some have been supplied with, tracts for distribution at their homes, or in the locality where they may teach. The literary exercises at the close of the term were very largely upon these two subjects; and the orations and essays were listened to with marked attention by the entire audience, consisting of about equal numbers of both races.

Sabbath School and religious meetings have been kept up during the year.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. P. HASTINGS, *Principal.*

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Benjamin F. Knowles,	Moses Sawyer,
Charles F. Coffin,	Gertrude W. Cartland,
Joseph E. Briggs,	Hannah J. Bailey,

Hannah B. Sawyer.

19. The Trustees of the George Sturge Fund presented their sixth Annual Report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and is as follows, viz. : —

THE SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE STURGE FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The investment and the safe keeping of the Fund remain the same as last year.

The security for the Henry Camps Fund is also in the vault of the Rhode Island Safe Deposit Company.

The School was opened First Month 3d of this year. Sixty-two of the students admitted to the Normal Class were allowed, from the George Sturge Fund, one dollar and thirty cents a week each, which met all their expenses, including board, except between sixty and seventy cents a week.

It is not well to assume, generally, all the pecuniary responsibilities of the student, because it might induce him to form the injurious habit of making no effort to meet his own wants.

The aggregate number of weeks that these students have been helped is ten hundred and eighty-eight and four-fifths, equal to imparting instruction to more than twenty-eight students for one entire school year of thirty-eight weeks.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

To balance from last year	$812 36	
Coupons paid Seventh Month, 1886	727 50	
Coupons paid First Month, 1887	727 50	
Interest to Fifth Month, 1887	34 31	
		$2,301 67

EXPENDITURES.

For assistance to sixty-two students	$1,415 44	
Other expenses	15 00	
Balance carried to new account	871 23	
		$2,301 67

For the Trustees.

B. F. KNOWLES.

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 10th, 1887.

TRUSTEES OF THE STURGE FUND.

Benjamin F. Knowles, Providence, R. I.
Samuel R. Buffinton, Fall River, Mass.
Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.
Owen Dame, Lynn, Mass.
Rebecca H. Smiley, New Bedford, Mass.
Ellen K. Buffum, Providence, R. I.
Susan T. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.

20. The Committee to promote the cause of Temperance, presented their Annual Report, viz: —

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

While the Society of Friends has less to contend with in its own borders from the liquor traffic and its attendant evils, your Committee have found ample scope for all their faith, talent and energy, and have realized that its freedom from the hydra-headed serpent has been one great factor in the work of aiding others to break away from the bonds that bind them.

We are sorry to say that we find some among the members of the Society of Friends who are not all clean.

We have been set apart by New England Yearly Meeting to represent its sentiments with reference to the use of stimulants and narcotics, and is it too much for us to say that the fact that some members of our meetings on Ministry and Oversight indulge in the use of tobacco, hinders in no slight degree our effective work among people outside as well as among our own young members? May the dear Master open the eyes of such to see the responsibility resting upon them in this matter.

We have followed out the lines of work of previous years, with the addition of some new ones, according to the ever varying needs of the Church and the world.

A few of the Committee have engaged in active public service, others in a more quiet way at home, each " building over against his own house" —co-operating with others in local work, assisting in obtaining better legislation and in the enforcement of laws already enacted, teaching the effect of stimulants and narcotics on the human system in the Day Schools, and Bible Temperance in the Sabbath Schools, introducing Temperance books into libraries, circulating Temperance tracts and cards, carrying to the inmates of reformatory or penal institutions the glad news that Jesus has power to break every chain. Special and persistent efforts have been made in all these directions and in some cases blessed results are already apparent,—three cider manufacturers in different localities have given up this business as the result of the distribution of tracts bearing on the subject. Some of the Committee keep themselves supplied with Temperance literature, watching for opportunities to place in the hands of others; such do not lack for opportunities — on the streets, in railway stations, post offices, reading rooms, in personal and business letters, thus " sowing beside all waters" the seed that must eventually bear fruit.

Of the new avenues for work opened to us during the past year, we would especially notice two.

The opportunity to put Temperance literature in the hands of the boys on the U. S. Training Ships, and in the Naval Apprentice Reading Room in Newport, R. I., and to give regular instruction in the effects of stimulants and narcotics to the inmates of the State Industrial School of N. H. As we step out into these new paths we feel the need of the prayers and sympathy of the Church, that we may lay the foundations so broad and deep that the enemy of all good shall be unable to undermine them, work he ever so subtly.

The importance of early training of children grows upon us as we advance, and we are glad to report a large increase of interest in this department.

The Superintendent of Juvenile Work has attended twenty-six public Temperance meetings, traveled outside of his own Quarterly Meeting two thousand miles, distributed four thousand tracts and over four thousand cards, and written three hundred letters and postals with reference to the work. He submits the following Report.

" An earnest effort has been made to secure regular Temperance teaching and signing of pledge, either in connection with the Bible-School or through Temperance bands. To this end nearly all the Superintendents have been visited or corresponded with and supplied with pledges, books, tracts, cards, and other literature.

"Blanks for reports were sent Fourth Month 1st, to all. Twenty responded, and from these I find there are eleven Temperance Bands, regular Temperance teaching in sixteen schools; fourteen schools have presented the pledge in the past year; one thousand and twenty have signed the single pledge, eight hundred and three the triple pledge (and four hundred and twenty-five the past year). I regret an apparent apathy on the part of some of our Bible School workers toward this important subject. It cannot be wise to neglect the moral instruction and training of the child, neither to intrust so important a matter wholly to our public schools."

The General Committee have attended two hundred public meetings, and distributed more than eighty-four thousand pages of Temperance literature. In six of our Monthly Meetings public meetings are held monthly, and in a few cases weekly.

We are rejoiced to learn that thorough, systematic, scientific temperance instruction is given the pupils in both Boarding Schools under the care of our Yearly Meeting, in connection with the studies of Physiology and Chemistry.

As a result of the traffic in intoxicants, more than sixty thousand of our brothers and sisters drop annually into drunkard's graves, with all that has been done in behalf of total abstinence, and the question presses home with startling earnestness to every child of God, — "Art thou doing all in thy power to save these precious souls for whom Christ died?" The Church has the power to do it, for she has the Lord Jesus Christ in the midst of her — and the word has been spoken by Him who is the foundation of truth, " Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world" and " Greater is he that is for us than he that is against us."

We recommend this work be continued under the care of a Committee, and that $200 be appropriated for its use.

MARY A. CHASE, *Secretary.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 11th, 1887.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIVED.

From George Howland, Jr., Treasurer	$150 00	
For literature and cards sold	11 02	
		$161 02

PAYMENTS.

Supplies of literature, pledges, cards for temperance schools and general distribution	$87 11	
Express, postage and postal cards	7 40	
Expenses holding meetings and organizing temperance schools	63 61	
Printing circulars and cards	2 90	
		$161 02

JOHN F. CHASE, *Treasurer.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 11th, 1887.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Committee were encouraged to further service in this very important subject.

We realize the need of earnest effort in stemming the tide of misery and sin which is now flooding our land, caused by this unholy traffic. The Committee is at liberty to revise its own number, and report at a future sitting.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. — The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

21. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting.

22. The Committee appointed by the Men's Meeting for that purpose, presented the names of Friends, to constitute a Committee on Correspondence, which is approved by the Meeting, as follows, viz.: —

MEN'S COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

George Howland, Jr.,
Alfred H. Jones,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
Samuel Buffum,
Robert P. Gifford,
William P. Macomber,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Thomas Wood,
Charles H. Jones,
Charles W. Goddard,
George L. Crosman,
John S. Kimber,
Frank C. Cartland,
Charles M. Jones,
John F. Chase,
Gideon Wood,
Olney T. Meader,
Isaac Steere,
Thomas B. Nichols,
William P. Jenkins.

Adjourned to meet on Second-day Morning, the 13th, at 10 o'clock, in joint session.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, THE 13TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

23. The following communication from Indiana Yearly Meeting, held in Tenth Month last, was received and read, viz.: —

"The subject of a conference of Committees from the different Yearly Meetings in America with which we correspond, having been introduced into this Meeting, after deliberate consideration it was believed that the holding of such a conference to consider matters appertaining to the welfare of our branch of the Church, would strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship amongst us, and tend to promote unity in important matters of faith and practice, in the different bodies into which Friends in America are divided. We are therefore united in proposing to our sister Yearly Meetings in America, that such a conference be held, and that it be composed of delegates appointed by the different Yearly Meetings, its conclusions to be only advisory; but that at least five Yearly Meetings must unite in it or the conference not be held. It is proposed that said conference be held next year (1887) in Richmond, Ind., beginning on Sixth-day following the close of the Western Yearly Meeting, at 9 A.M. A cordial invitation is extended to London and Dublin Yearly Meetings to send delegates to this conference.

Taken from the Minutes of the Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends held by adjournments from the 29th of Ninth Month to the 4th of the Tenth Month inclusive, 1886.

ALLEN TERRELL, *Clerk.*"

which having been seriously considered, the proposition therein contained was fully united with, and a Committee appointed to present at a future sitting, the names of suitable Friends to constitute a delegation to said conference.

24. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting requests that the hour of holding the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight at East Greenwich in Fifth Month, and at Fall River in Eleventh Month, be changed from 3 to 2 o'clock P. M. ;—which is approved by this Meeting, and the change is accordingly made, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information to that Quarterly Meeting.

25. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting proposes that the Yearly Meeting " take under consideration the subject of a new apportionment of stock for the several Quarterly Meetings," which is referred to the Representatives.

26. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting also requests of this Meeting that it " define precisely what the duties of Elders specifically are, and also what are the duties of the remaining members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, other than Ministers ;"— and Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting requests " that that part of Query First relating to unbecoming behavior may be revised ;" — both of which requests are referred to Benjamin F. Knowles, Rachel Anthony, Obadiah Chace, Esther Chace, William O. Newhall,

Owen Dame, Louisa P. Hoag, Gertrude W. Cartland, Gideon Wood, Ruth S. Murray, George Howland, Jr., Susan S. Tripp, Silas F. Brown, Charles W. Goddard, Lucy R. Goddard, Myra E. Frye, Susan Ann Gifford, Isaac Steere, Saloma C. Wheeler, Richard Battey, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Sarah Ellen Varney, Mary E. Taber, Timothy B. Hussey, Eunice D. Cartland, Benjamin F. Estes, Anna M. Hussey, Levi Jones, I. Warren Hawkes, Harriet N. Jones and Mary C. Hawkes, and they are requested to report at a future sitting.

27. The Report of the Committee on Gospel Work was now presented and read, as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

It is no easy matter to sum up and give to the world results in such a work as this. We believe God's blessing rests upon whatever of faithful seed-sowing has been done by the members of this Committee during the past year:

> "For well we know His patient love perceives
> Not what we did, but what we strove to do;
> And though the full ripe ears be sadly few,
> He will accept our sheaves."

It seemed well to your Committee, in organizing last year, to appoint a Superintendent in each Quarterly Meeting, to look after the needs of the meetings within its limits; and such reports as have been forwarded by them are here gathered and presented to the Yearly Meeting: —

Number of meetings in the Yearly Meeting	72
Number of meetings visited	64
Series of meetings	19
Meetings composing the series	260
Meetings without continuous service	240
Bible readings	36
Children's meetings	8
Families visited	574
Professed conversions	121
Professed renewals	77

The results of the work in the different meetings may be summed up as follows: The Church in each place has been strengthened, an increase of spiritual life and interest in the Lord's work has been manifest among the members, and in some meetings souls have been saved. Family visiting has received marked blessing.

While more work has been done in some Quarterly Meetings than in others, the aim has been to keep close to the leading, accepting it from the Lord, who, when He sees the fulness of time has come in certain parts of His vineyard gives the command to the laborers, "Thrust ye in the sickle and reap." Sometimes when it has seemed as though a series of meetings could be held in some locality, the way has all closed up, and this has occurred even when there has been a call on the part of some members in a meeting for such service; while in some instances where faithful seed-sewing has been done, the results have not been apparent at the time, owing to the fact that other gatherings, not of a religious nature, were in progress, which drew away from the meetings those most susceptible to divine truth — the young.

At Winthrop the series of meetings was followed by organized effort for the promotion of the cause of Christ, which brought the new converts into a place of blessed service for the Master. One worker in this field writes as follows: "We adopted this plan of getting at the real nursing work of the Church, and also looking after the pastoral work, which is claiming so much attention from the Church just now."

Spiritual death is creeping into some of our meetings, as a result of spiritual sloth and indolence. If in all our meetings our members were alive to the tremendous responsibilities, as well as the glorious privileges of the hour, we should see the Church keeping step with her Lord in the evangelization not only of those within her own borders, but throughout the world. "It may be that our Divine Leader shall indicate a forward movement, and require the Church to move at a quicker pace than that to which she has been accustomed. Let her be careful lest she be left behind. If our brethren say to us, 'Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts,' let us beware how we remain indifferent." Let us beware how we criticize those who are seeking to keep pace with their Divine Lord and Master in the glorious work of bringing souls to a sense of their lost condition, and a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, remembering that if we allow coldness to spring up in our hearts towards any fellow believer, the Lord Jesus Christ counts it as done unto Him.

We recommend that this work be continued under a newly appointed Committee, and that the Yearly Meeting liberally provide means to forward the work.

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY, *Chairman.*

ELIZABETH T. LARKIN, *General Superintendent.*
PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 11th, 1887.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance from last year	$57 87	
Cash collected in Newport	169 00	
Amount received from subscriptions at Newport . . .	166 00	
Yearly Meeting appropriation	300 00	
Amount carried forward,	———	$692 87

Amount brought forward,	$692 87
Amount expended by Committee	606 90
Balance on hand	$85 97

WILLIAM THOMPSON, *Treasurer.*

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 11th, 1887.

The review of the work brought before us by this Report has inspired feelings of encouragement and thankfulness, and is satisfactory.

The Meeting entered into a voluntary contribution, and the sum of $287 was raised and placed in the hands of the Committee. The Committee now under appointment are at liberty to revise the members of that Committee, and report at a future sitting.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

AFTERNOON.—The meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

28. Our brother Henry P. Torsey is with us at this time, presenting a letter from the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. We would return through him our Christian greeting to these our brethren, bidding them God-speed in their service for our common Master.

29. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year, which is approved, and they are accordingly appointed, viz. : —

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

Samuel R. Buffinton,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Phebe S. Aydelott,
Benj. F. Knowles,
Wm. O. Newhall,
Daniel C. Maxfield,
Lydia C. Neal,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Geo. Howland, Jr.,
Joseph Ewer,
Ruth S. Murray,
Charity G. Chace,
Reuben T. Jones,
Henry F. Newell,
Elizabeth K. Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Wm. P. Tuttle,
Anna M. Hussey,
Emeline H. Tuttle,
Levi Jones,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Mary C. Hawkes,
Charles A. Chace,
Augustine Jones,
Owen Dame,
Chas. F. Coffin,
Wm. Thompson,

Lucy R. Goddard,
Myra E. Frye,
Richard Battey,
James O. Inman,
Mary A. Battey,
Saloma C. Wheeler,
Eli Jones,
Eliza P. Pierce,
Wm. A. Jones,
Augustus F. Cox,
John J. Frye,
Joseph Cartland,
Susan S. Tripp,
Susan Ann Gifford,
Susan F. Hoxie,
Olney T. Meader,
Phebe P. Jones,
Peter M. Neal.

30. The Committee appointed for that purpose propose the following named Friends to constitute a Committee on Temperance, which is approved by the Meeting, and is as follows, viz. : —

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Organization.

Ruthanna H. Nichols, *Chairman.*
Ellen C. Jones, *Secretary.*
Ezra Hawkes, *Treasurer.*
John S. Kimber, *Superintendent of Juvenile Work.*
John F. Chase, *Superintendent of Literature.*

Rhode Island.

Charles A. Chace, Fall River, Mass.
*John S. Kimber, Newport, R. I.
Annie O. Carr, Newport, R. I.
†Mary W. Chace, Portsmouth, R. I.
William Jacob, Newport, R. I.
Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.

Salem.

*John F. Chase, Manchester, N. H.
Mary A. Chase, Manchester, N. H.
Elizabeth T. Larkin, Box 4, Peabody, Mass.
†George L. Crosman, Lynn, Mass.
William Wood, 9 Berkley St., Lawrence, Mass.
Albert N. Peaslee, 184 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
J. Warren Huntington, Amesbury, Mass.

Sandwich.

Joshua L. Macomber, Mattapoisett, Mass.
Hannah R. Gifford, Westport, Mass.
Henry A. Slocum, New Bedford, Mass.
†Elizabeth C. Murray, New Bedford, Mass.

Falmouth.

†Charles W. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.
*Augustus F. Cox, Portland, Me.
*Ezra Hawkes, Portland, Me.
Alice W. Hawkes, Portland, Me.
†Ellen C. Jones, 31½ Exchange St., Portland, Me.
Edward S. Hacker, Brunswick, Me.

Smithfield.

†Abigail Wheeler, Northbridge, Mass.
†Adelaide Wheeler, Bolton, Mass.
Oscar F. Morse, Woonsocket, R. I.
Arthur H. Swift, 16 Channing St., Worcester, Mass.

Vassalboro.

Frank E. Jones, South China, Me.
*Ruthanna H. Nichols, East Vassalboro, Me.
*Elizabeth K. Jones, South China, Me.
†Emily S. Weeks, Vassalboro, Me.
George W. Varney, Unity, Me.

Dover.

Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Catherine F. Hanson, Rochester, N. H.
†William T. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
Joseph J. Cartland, North Sandwich, N. H.

Fairfield.

Harriet N. Jones, East Winthrop, Me.
Mary Elma Richardson, North Fairfield, Me.
†Hepsie S. Hoxie, West Sidney, Me.
*Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me.

*Executive Committee. †Assistants in Juvenile Work.

31. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee to whom was intrusted the care of the Foreign Mission work, in making their Annual Report, have again to acknowledge that the manifest blessing of our Heavenly Father has rested upon our labors the past year to extend the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in Bible lands.

Encouraging reports have reached us from the workers on Mt. Lebanon, which have been confirmed by letters received from Jehu and Sarah W. Newlin of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, who spent a few weeks at the Mission the past winter. They write that much interest is manifested by those engaged in the work to push it forward as fast as possible towards enlightening and elevating the inhabitants of Syria. The interest in the meetings for worship is increasing, and it was found that the meeting-house owned by the Mission in the village of Brumana was too small to accommodate the number who were usually in attendance. Early in the year, English Friends decided to build a larger one near the Mission; this has been done, and adds very much to the convenience and usefulness of the work.

There has been very little change in the corps of workers during the year. Those who have been at the head of the various departments the past four years, and so faithfully carried on the interests of the Mission, are still giving direction to the work. In Brumana and the surrounding villages where our schools have been held, and the influence of the Mission felt since its commencement, there is marked improvement in the religious and social condition of the people.

The number of girls in the Home has been increased the past year to twenty; eleven of these are supported by American Friends.

Maria Feltham, who remained at the Home from its opening, as its Matron, having gone to reside with Dr. Bashara, and devote her time more to the hospital work, a young lady from England went out to fill her place, which she is doing very acceptably.

Eight day-schools have been in operation during the year under the care of native teachers, five of whom are members of the Monthly Meeting. The schools are well attended by the children of the villages. There is a steady increase in the work done by the medical department, which adds largely to the influence of the Mission among all classes.

One of the brightest spots in the work is the mothers' meeting, under the care of Susan Waldmeier. When she first began this work she had to go from house to house, and try to persuade the mothers to come, and when a few came, they were very untidy, and rude in talk and behavior. Now over one hundred are often together, and they show in their becoming deportment and chaste conversation, a marked improvement over what they were a few years ago.

The Government has laid out, and is now building a carriage road from Beyrout to Brumana, passing close to the Mission, which we are expected to assist some in building. We have already forwarded £10 towards the expense.

It is the opinion of your Committee, that a Mission in Bible lands, under the immediate care of New England Yearly Meeting, would tend to increase the interest in Foreign Mission work. As we have about half enough funds raised to build a new Training Home for girls, we would suggest that we look to severing our connection with English Friends in the work at Brumana, and concentrating our means and energies in the work at Ramallah, or elsewhere if way should open.

With grateful thanks to our Heavenly Father for His blessing, and to the Friends of our own and other Yearly Meetings, for their assistance in the work, we would commend it to the continued care of the Yearly Meeting, and ask that the sum of eight hundred dollars be appropriated for the work the ensuing year.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

CHARLES M. JONES, *Clerk.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 13th, 1887.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Committee of New England Yearly Meeting on Foreign Missions in account with Timothy B. Hussey, Treasurer.

1886. Dr.		
Eighth Month, 27th. To paid T. Waldmeier £210 for General Expenses of the Mission	$1,016 40	
Eighth Month, 27th. To paid T. Waldmeier £65 for Girls' Training Home	314 60	
1887.		
Third Month, 2d. To paid T. Waldmeier for General Expenses of the Mission £150	732 00	
Third Month, 2d. To paid T. Waldmeier £65 for Girls' Training Home	317 20	
Fifth Month, 17th. To paid T. Waldmeier £10 toward Building Road on Mount Lebanon	49 75	
Fifth Month, 19th. To balance deposited in New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank	285 17	
		$2,715 12

Cr.		
By balance from last year	$241 94	
By contributions at Yearly Meeting	430 24	
By amounts received from Monthly Meetings and individuals	555 14	
By checks from Treasurer of the W. F. M. S. of Western Yearly Meeting for the education of seven girls for the year	461 00	
By amount received from Treasurer of Yearly Meeting.	750 00	
By amount received from Treasurer of W. F. M. S. of N. E. Yearly Meeting	123 80	
By amount drawn from New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank	153 00	
		$2,715 12

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY, *Treasurer.*

The labors and care of the Committee are appreciated, and the Report is satisfactory. The Committee is encouraged in the further prosecution of the work as the Lord opens the way. The Committee now under appointment is continued another year. The sum of $419.67 was collected by voluntary contribution for the current expenses of the Mission. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year, and the said contributions are desired to be made as early as the First Month, next year.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Eli Jones,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
William Thompson,
Susan T. Thompson,
George Howland, Jr.,
Anna G. Wood,
Charles M. Jones,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
S. Caroline Tobey,
Ezra Hawkes,
Alice W. Hawkes,
Harriet D. Collins,
Eliza Taber,
Eliza P. Varney,
Mary W. Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Anna M. Hussey,
Elizabeth K. Jones,
Mary A. Chase,
Huldah H. Leighton,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Addie F. Chace,
Eli Jepson,
Charles A. Chace,
Phebe W. Sawtelle,
Mabel G. Bailey,
Ellwood A. Bailey,
Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Herbert A. Skinner.

32. The Committee on Education have presented their Annual Report, as follows, viz. : —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Conferences have been held during the past year at New Bedford, Windham, Winthrop and China.

These have been largely attended, both by Friends and others, and have been very interesting and profitable seasons.

We are glad to note an increasing interest on the part of our members in regard to the education of their children. Many have expressed to your Committee as fruit of the conferences held, their determination in the future to exercise greater care in the home training of their children, as well as in the school influences by which they are surrounded.

With the present advantages offered by the two Yearly Meeting Boarding Schools, Providence on the west and Oak Grove on the east, there seems to be no good reason for Friends in sending their children from home, patronizing other schools than one of these.

In looking over the work of the past year, your Committee are painfully conscious that but a small amount of what at the beginning they hoped to accomplish, has been performed; yet we thankfully acknowledge that the blessing of Him, "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge," has rested richly upon the efforts we have made to advance the educational interests of our Society.

We trust the Yearly Meeting will continue its concern, and recommend that the usual sum, one hundred dollars, be appropriated this year, to be drawn upon by a future Committee as needed.

For the Committee,

CHARLES H. JONES.
RUTH S. MURRAY.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and the same Committee continued for service another year.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Augustine Jones,
Caroline Jones of Deering, Me.
Anna F. Hall,
Charles H. Jones,
Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Eli Jones,
Myra E. Frye,
John Ellwood Paige,
Phebe W. Sawtelle,
Ruth S. Murray,
Gertrude W. Cartland.

33. The Committee to disburse the income of the Mosher Fund presented their Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the same Committee is continued for this service another year. The Report is as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF THE H. H. MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We subscribed for one hundred and ten copies of "Friends' Review," and fifty-four copies of "Star and Crown," which have been sent principally to members and attenders of our Meetings.

We have distributed one hundred copies of "Offices of the Holy Spirit" by Dougan Clark, in addition to those previously sent out.

Also one thousand tracts, "Brief views of Doctrines of Christianity as set forth in Holy Scriptures, and held by the Society of Friends."

Five hundred pamphlets, "The Baptism and Supper of our Lord," published by New York Friends' Book and Tract Committee.

Also four hundred volumes of "Three Apostles of Quakerism," by B. Rhodes.

On behalf of Committee,

WM. THOMPSON.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 10th, 1887.

H. H. MOSHER FUND.—TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		
Balance from last year's account	$122 25	
Received from C. F. Coffin, Trustee	500 00	
		$622 25
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid for 100 copies "Offices of Holy Spirit"	$ 45 61	
110 copies "Friends' Review"	164 40	
6 sample copies Newman's "Geo. Fox"	6 60	
1000 copies "Brief View of Doctrines of Friends,"	30 00	
500 copies "Baptism and Supper of our Lord,"	35 00	
54 copies "Star and Crown"	54 00	
400 copies "Three Apostles of Quakerism"	120 00	
6 sample copies "Spitalfield's Genius"	3 60	
Freight and express	12 61	
		$471 82
Balance to new account		150 43
		$622 25

J. E. PAIGE, *Treasurer.*

LYNN, MASS., Sixth Month 7th, 1887.

COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF THE MOSHER FUND.

William Thompson,
Alfred H. Jones,
John Ellwood Paige,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Ruth S. Murray,
Esther Jones.

34. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz.:—

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOSHER FUND.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Trustees of the Mosher Fund report that the income for the past year has been:—

From Boston City Bond	$500 00	
Lynn Institution for Savings	79 32	
New Bedford Institution for Savings	32 28	
		$611 60

The payments for the year have been: —

To the Book Committee, J. E. Paige, Treasurer	$500 00	
Added to capital	111 60	
		$611 60

The Fund is invested in: —

Boston 5% City Bond, Registered	$10,000 00
Lynn Institution for Savings	2,017 99
New Bedford Institution for Savings	831 56
	$12,849 55

For the Trustees,

C. F. COFFIN, *Trustee.*

LYNN, Fifth Month 25th, 1887.

We adjourn to meet in separate sessions, to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY MORNING, THE 14TH.

The Meeting assembled in separate sessions, pursuant to adjournment.

35. The Representatives being called, were present except twenty-seven.

36. An Epistle from London Yearly Meeting, addressed to this Meeting, was now received and read, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

37. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries. The Answers are as follows, viz.: —

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANSWER 1. — Our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except in nineteen instances, and those on the island of Nantucket during part of the year; also, the Mid-week Meetings in two small Meetings of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting; and four Quarterly Meetings report a few small Meetings omitted. First-day Morning Meetings generally well attended. Those in the middle of the week, and for discipline, more neglected. The hour nearly observed. With little exception Friends are preserved from unbecoming behavior.

ANS. 2. — With little exception, love and unity are maintained, and detraction nearly guarded against. Care is taken to end differences when they appear, Ans. 3. — Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train the children as queried after. Two Quarterly Meetings report the need of more care in these respects.

Ans. 4. — With few exceptions, Friends read the Holy Scriptures individually, and in their families, and encourage those under their care in this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained with some exceptions.

Ans. 5. — The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage avoided, with twenty exceptions. Clear in the other parts of this Query with few exceptions.

Ans. 6. — The circumstances of the poor and the education of their children are attended to.

Ans. 7. — Clear as to military matters, with little exception, reported in five Quarterly Meetings. A few exceptions reported as to oaths, and two cases as to public revenue.

Ans. 8. — We believe Friends are clear in their business relations with little exception.

Ans. 9. — Not quite clear as to records and removal certificates. Some care taken.

Ans. 10. — The discipline is administered with Christian tenderness, and impartially, but not always so timely as would be best.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

The indications of a low spiritual life apparent in the answers to the queries, and in the outward conditions observable in some sections, ought not to discourage us. Why should our hands hang down when God through Christ Jesus has conferred upon His Church a power which binds in Heaven whatsoever is bound on earth. We are to represent to fallen men the "power of God unto salvation" which He has given us, and if men are lost within our jurisdiction the fault is not His, but is to be found, either in the unfaithfulness of those who hear the word, or our failure to declare it. We lack a knowledge of the things of God, but if we search the Scriptures, and put a "Thus saith the Lord" behind us as our support, the life of the Church will gather to itself as surely as the live tree bearing fruit whose seed is in itself, — reproduces itself. Let the power of God rest upon us experimentally. Our forms are adapted to the needs of the lost, but we trust too much to the rules of the Church. We need better to understand the fundamental doctrines of the gospel of Christ, as error will creep in when those who teach are unable to refute it. Let not those who do attend our mid-week meetings be discouraged because they are small. In these we are often more blessed, because we get nearer to God. While in them we should free our minds from the business of the world. If we have God with us all the time, and go with Him to meeting, we can ask Him to bless us and He will. We are divinely commissioned and we must be faithful to our trust, that God may be glorified. The hireling is one who labors for the fleece. Each member of the body of

Christ will bear cheerfully His share of all burdens in spiritual and in temporal things. Every man is responsible for the beliefs he holds, and the risk he takes, when they prevent or hinder the work of Christ, or the surrender of what belongs to Him. So great is the inconsistency between drunkenness and what is to be expected of a member of the Church, that we should labor with the view of at once making her as clean on the question of temperance as she is in respect to slavery, And as what we fail to accomplish for ourselves, may be secured for us by special agencies other than our own, we are not to conclude that because we are defeated nothing can be done. Our interest in an erring brother should be so genuine and fervent that a delay in telling him of his fault, between him and ourselves alone, would bring to our own hearts the conviction that we are ourselves at fault.

38. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, viz.: —

SUMMARY OF ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES FROM THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

ANSWER 1. — With little exception we are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of our families.

ANS. 2. — We are in unity one with another, and with the Meetings to which we belong, with few exceptions; and our labor together in gathering unto Christ is generally harmonious.

ANS. 3. — We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, according to the requirements of this Query, and with slight exception careful not to misquote or misapply them.

MINUTE OF THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

WHILE the Queries and Answers were being considered, the lips of the Lord's servants were filled with messages for Him.

We were counselled to have a tender care over our young people in regard to their attendance upon our meetings. If they have been absent, let us show them by our kind inquiries, that we have a loving interest in them; that our hearts are made glad by their presence, and that we miss them when they are absent. Let us strive to have our meetings held so truly in the power of the Spirit that we can speak to any who have been absent of the blessedness of the meeting, thus encouraging their attendance.

It is not enough that there should be harmony and unity in a meeting, if it is not shown in really gathering unto Christ. There may be the harmony of death, as well as the harmony of life. There has always been a disposition on the part of the dead members of the Church to persecute the living members, from the persecution of David by Saul till the present time. Defects will always exist in a living Church. Let us not, then, be discouraged at imperfect answers to our Queries.

We need to recognize the fact that while there are diversities of gifts, there is the same Spirit; and filled with that one Spirit, whatever our gifts, there will be unity and a sweet harmony. It is said of the tribe of Zebulon that they came with one heart to make David king. They could keep rank, and were not of double heart. They came to offer their united service to the king. When bodies of soldiers are marching they are commanded to break step when crossing a bridge, lest the bridge should go down. We, as soldiers of the Cross, are to march shoulder to shoulder, under our glorious Captain, that we may break down the bulwarks of Satan's kingdom in the earth. The enemy sees us when we break step, as soldiers of the Cross, and is glad of the weakness that ensues in our ranks, and in our work for God.

There is only one way in which we can keep step, and that is by marching altogether for the King. The King's mind is to be our mind, the King's will our pleasure. We must be all absorbed in pleasing Him. If we are filled with His Spirit we shall be marching exclusively for the King. If we are looking all about us, trying to work in harmony with others, continually fearful of disunity, there will be lack of harmony, and the work will not go on. If our eye is on the King, and we are filled with His Spirit, it will matter but little to us what others say of us. Divine love cements together the hearts of God's children. Filled with this love we shall present an unbroken phalanx, all fault-finding will be removed, and we shall truly love even those who differ from us. We must go forward, trusting our King in everything, and not be afraid of disunity.

Let us remember the promise of the Lord Jesus, "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him: for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you." This is the marriage of the Divine. "I in them, and Thou in Me." Why? "That the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." That the world may believe that Thou hast not only sent Me into the world to die for its redemption, but also that Thou hast sent Me again in the person of the Holy Ghost to dwell in the hearts of My disciples. This is the gift of God; not an acquirement, but a Divine impartation. The Holy Spirit descended on the Lord Jesus at His baptism, before He entered upon His public ministry, and it abode upon Him. If He, the Divine Son of God, needed this holy anointing, do not we, His servants, need it to-day? Dare we enter on the ministry of the Word without it? And are we not all the ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ, members of the royal priesthood? "Forasmuch as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind; for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin." Jesus says: "Take thy cross and follow Me." Where are we to follow Him? To Gethsemane, and up the rugged steeps to Calvary. We must come to the crucifixion of self, to the death of sin. There comes a great cry to us to-day from across the water, from the islands of the sea, from countless localities in our own land, from the manufacturing population of our large towns and cities, a great cry for the Bread of life. If we are "dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ, our Lord," we can lead sinners to Him. Let the prayer from all our hearts be that the Church may come down so low that the Holy Ghost may fill us. Let us not ask God to humble us. The command is, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up." When the mind of Christ dwells in us, all differences which are a hindrance to the harmonious, effective work of the Church, will disappear.

We need to remember that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and that it is to be accepted in its entirety. Its spiritual teaching must be brought home to the heart and conscience. Our children should be taught from it not only those matters pertaining to life and salvation, but also what foundation we have in Scripture for our own distinctive views as a denomination.

ALFRED H. JONES, *Clerk*.

39. The Committee appointed for that purpose, propose the following named Friends for a Committee on Gospel Work, which is approved by this Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly, viz.:—

COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

Eli Jones,
Anna G. Wood,
Ruth S. Murray,
William Thompson,
Susan T. Thompson,
Henry C. Aydelott,
Phebe S. Aydelott,
Charles H. Jones,
William Jacob,
Charles M. Jones,
Joseph E. Briggs,
I. Warren Hawkes,
William P. Macomber,
Harriet D. Collins,
Elizabeth T. Larkin,
John B. Cartland,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Annie M. Ray,
Emeline H. Tuttle,
Charles E. Peaslee,
Andrew J. Williams,
Saloma C. Wheeler,
Charles W. Goddard,
Albert F. Minott,
Sarah E. Buffinton.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

40. The London General Printed Epistle, issued this year, was now received and read, to our mutual comfort and edification, and in order that its excellent contents may be circulated amongst our members and others, we direct that the Clerk cause an edition of 4000 copies to be printed and sent down to our several Quarterly Meetings, and draw upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for the expense incurred.

41. The Committee having the care of Oak Grove Seminary the past year have presented their Annual Report, viz.: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee in care of Oak Grove Seminary, in presenting their Third Annual Report, are thankful to say that the school year just closed has been a very successful and satisfactory one. The average attendance has been a little over ninety-one, a gain of eight over last year, or a total gain in the three terms of twenty-six.

Autumn Term	41 Boys,	44 Girls.
Winter Term	48 "	40 "
Spring Term	56 "	45 "
Total	274 scholars.	

The religious meetings have been continued on First and Third-day evenings through the year. These are attended by all the pupils who board at the School. The interest has been very marked. Seventeen conversions during the year.

The health of the School has been very good.

The graduating exercises took place on Sixth-day evening, Fifth Month 13th, and were very creditable to those who graduated, and to the School.

At the beginning of the school year, Charles R. Jacob, the efficient classical teacher, resigned his position, in order to embrace an opportunity offered him of studying a year in Europe. While we regretted the necessity of making the change, we were fortunate in securing the services of Arthur W. Jones, A. B., who has ably filled the position.

Charles Fletcher, Principal of the Commercial Department, also resigned. This place was filled by Frank C. Cartland, who has given excellent satisfaction. The Faculty of the School is composed entirely of members of our Society, all earnest Christians. We hope Friends will appreciate the fact and give it their patronage and hearty support.

The sum of four hundred and seventy-four dollars has been expended during the past year in repairs and improvements, which sum has been donated by friends of the School, and we have the privilege of closing another year free from debt.

Application was made to the Legislature of Maine the past Winter, for aid from the State to carry on the School. They appropriated six hundred dollars a year for four years, payable annually, for that purpose.

We gratefully acknowledge the blessings which have attended the School in the past, and would ask the continued care of the Yearly Meeting.

INSTRUCTORS.

CHARLES H. JONES, *Principal*, Mathematics and Language.
H. ELIZABETH JONES, *Matron.*
FRANK C. CARTLAND, Commercial Department.
ARTHUR W. JONES, A. B., Classical Department.
ELLEN A. WINSLOW, Normal Department.
EMMA J. CARTLAND, Preparatory Department.
ELVIN M. HAWES, Penmanship.
EMILY S. WEEKS, Drawing and Painting.

TUITION.

The expenses of any pupil, for board, tuition, room rent, heating, lighting, washing, etc., need not exceed $150.00 per school year.

The tuition and one-half the board must be paid at the opening, and the balance at the middle of each Term.

All applications should be made to Charles H. Jones, Principal Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro, Me.

CALENDAR.

1887. — Fall Term begins, Third-day, Eighth Month 23d.
Fall Term closes, Sixth-day, Eleventh Month 11th.

Recess of one week.

Winter Term begins, Third-day, Eleventh Month 22d.
1888. — Winter Term closes, Sixth-day, Second Month 10th.

Recess of one week.

Spring Term begins, Third-day, Second Month 21st.
Spring Term closes, Sixth-day, Fifth Month 11th.

Vacation.

Fall Term of school year 1888–89 begins Third-day, Eighth Month 21st.

Written examinations at the close of each term. Public examination and graduation exercises at the close of the Spring Term.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

CHARLES M. JONES, *Clerk.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

New England Yearly Meeting in account with J. E. Briggs, Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary :—

1886.		Cr.		
Fifth Month	20th.	By cash in hand	$ 2 30	
Ninth	8th.	By cash received from State Treasurer	300 00	
Ninth	10th.	collected by Anna Hall	3 25	
Ninth	10th.	collected by Arthur Taber	17 50	
Eleventh	12th.	collected by Arthur Taber	8 11	
Eleventh	12th.	from H. J. Bailey	10 00	
Eleventh	12th.	J. E. Briggs	5 00	
Second	5th, 1887.	J. E. Briggs	10 00	
Second	5th.	Benjamin F. Knowles	10 00	
Second	5th.	H. J. Bailey	10 00	
Second	5th.	T. B. Hussey	5 00	
Second	5th.	John J. Frye	5 00	
Third	16th.	Susan T. Thompson	5 00	
Third	16th.	John F. Chase	5 00	
Third	16th.	James N. Chase	10 00	
Third	16th.	David K. Akin	10 00	
Third	23d.	Mary W. Jones	5 00	
Third	24th.	Sarah Marble	5 00	
Third	25th.	C. A. Chase	35 00	
Third	29th.	Moses Farr	3 00	
Third	31st.	Olney T. Meader	15 00	
Fourth	4th.	John H. Chase	5 00	
Fourth	4th.	Obadiah Chace	5 00	
Fourth	11th.	Amesbury Friends	6 00	
Fourth	12th.	Sarah Swift	10 00	
Fifth	6th.	Oscar Morse	5 00	
Fifth	6th.	Lois Aldrich	2 00	
Fifth	6th.	Geo. Varney	1 00	
Fifth	6th.	James S. Read	1 00	
Fifth	6th.	Alice R. Cranston and sister	1 00	
Fifth	13th.	Saloma Wheeler	5 00	
				$520 16

1886.		Dr.	
Eighth Month	26th.	To cash paid Charles H. Jones	$75 00
Ninth	10th.	To cash paid H. J. Bailey	12 55
Ninth	10th.	C. H. Jones	2 00
Eleventh	4th.	Arthur H. Taber (services)	100 00
Eleventh	4th.	P. C. P. & S. W.	72 32
Eleventh	5th.	freight bill	19 50
		Amount carried forward,	$281 37

Amount brought forward,			$281 37	
Twelfth	10th.	Charles H. Jones	75 00	
Twelfth	22d.	Charles H. Jones	11 54	
Second	5th, 1887.	R. H. Nichols	5 98	
Third	2d.	C. H. Jones	75 00	
Third	29th.	Premium on policies	60 00	
Sixth	13th.	To balance on hand	11 27	
				$520 16

Amount of Sybil Jones Fund $275 00

J. E. BRIGGS, *Treasurer.*

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting. The Committee now under appointment is continued for service another year. Joseph E. Briggs is reappointed Treasurer. A contribution was taken up in this and the Women's Meeting to add to the Sybil Jones Fund, referred to in the Report; the sum of $90.25 was collected and directed to be placed in the hands of the Committee.

COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY.

Charles M. Bailey,
Eli Jones,
C. Irving Bailey,
Charles M. Jones,
Augustine Jones,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Benj. F. Knowles,
John J. Frye,
Joseph T. Richardson,
Ezra Hawkes,
John H. Crosman,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Arthur Taber,
Frank E. Jones,
John F. Chase,
Alfred H. Jones,

Hannah J. Bailey,
Susan T. Thompson,
Myra E. Frye,
Huldah H. Leighton,
Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Mary E. Richardson,
Harriet L. Hoxie,
S. Jane Cox,
Harriet D. Collins,
Mary W. Jones, of Newport,
Mary Ann Hoxie,
Julia E. Winslow,
Emma S. Briggs,
C. Alice Jones,
Mary E. Taber,
Sarah Marble.

TREASURER.

Joseph E. Briggs, of Winthrop, Me.

42. The Committee appointed at a previous session in relation to the proposition from Indiana Yearly Meeting made a Report, which is satisfactory, and the delegates therein named are appointed accordingly, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a suitable Minute, signed by direction and on behalf of this Meeting. The Report is as follows, viz.: —

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee to whom was referred the nomination of delegates to the approaching Conference in Richmond, Indiana, present the following.

William O. Newhall,	Alfred H. Jones,
Benjamin F. Knowles,	Augustine Jones,
Ruth S. Murray,	Hannah J. Bailey,
Charles H. Jones,	Elizabeth T. Larkin,

Reuben T. Jones.

We recommend that the delegates be left at liberty to draw upon our Treasurer for their expenses.

For the Committee,

I. WARREN HAWKES, *Clerk.*

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 14th, 1887.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING, THE 15TH.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

43. By the reading of the Minute furnished them by the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, we are informed that our beloved friends William and Susan T. Thompson have been liberated for the performance of religious service in Great Britain and Ireland, on some parts of the continent of Europe, and in Syria and Palestine.

44. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, have presented a Report, which has been read, and is as follows, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

On account of the change in the administration of Government at Washington, those positions in the Educational Department of the Indian Service, which were occupied by Friends, have been filled by other persons, so that now there are no teachers in charge of Government Schools for whom the Society is responsible.

The work under the care of the Associated Executive Committee has been in rendering assistance to Schools not under Government control, but conducted by Friends, and in the religious instruction given by Friends living among them. There are two Monthly Meetings composed almost wholly of Indian members: first, Grand River Monthly Meeting, in the northeastern corner of the Indian Territory; and second, Shawneetown Monthly Meeting, lying about two hundred miles south of the former.

A new Preparative Meeting has been added within the year, called Skiatook, in Grand River Monthly Meeting, with a membership of forty-two, almost all of them Shawnees and Cherokees, who had never made any previous profession of Christianity. There are ten places where meetings are held. Number of Indian members exceed two hundred and fifty. Grand River Monthly Meeting has eight subordinate meetings.

The peculiar interest of Friends generally in the Modoc tribe, leads us to speak particularly of the Modoc Meeting, which has done well the past year. J. M. Watson writes, they are in a better condition spiritually than at any time since he has been among them. Frank Modoc's triumphant faith in Jesus to the close of life, has been of great advantage in strengthening them to a closer walk with God, and a daily watching unto prayer. God removes His workers but carries on His work. Four are coming forward in the Ministry.

J. S. George, a relative of Frank Modoc, seems likely to take his place. He reads and writes readily, and is a humble Christian; he has also an industrious and Christian wife. They are living in Frank Modoc's house, which has been secured to his son Elwood by the Agent. John M. Watson and wife have withdrawn from this Station on account of the feeble health of the latter, and their places have been filled by Jesse Stanley and wife of Iowa.

C. H. Bales, Superintendent of White's Institute, says Elwood Modoc is growing vigorous and has improved health, and that he is a decided Christian boy, and learns well.

A new responsibility has been placed upon those interested in Indian affairs, by the passage of the bill giving them lands in severalty, and as rapidly as possible all thought that they are Indians should be laid aside, and they should be regarded as our countrymen. Indeed, an important part of our present duty to Indians is to bring about in each of them that change of character and conduct which shall conform them to the type of good white citizens, and fit them to live under the new conditions that now surround them. Our Society cannot find a more needy people, nor more fruit for the labor bestowed, than in the work of Indian Christianization.

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $3,500. We recommend that $525 be appropriated as our quota of this sum. We ask also that the treasury of our own Committee be replenished, not only by a collection to be raised in our Yearly Meeting, but also by efforts to be made in all our Monthly Meetings.

That our Heavenly Father may give us more faith and faithfulness, and may save many more of these our fellowmen, using us as His agents, is our prayer.

On behalf of the Committee,

MYRA E. FRYE, *Secretary.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 14th, 1887.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1886. DR.

Sixth Month	14th.	Balance of cash	$92 49	
Sixth	15th.	Collected at the Yearly Meeting Newport	103 78	
Seventh	13th.	From Providence Bible School	6 00	
Seventh	23d.	From Fall River Bible School	17 98	
Eighth	31st.	From Weare Monthly Meeting	1 75	
Ninth	15th.	From Rochester Preparative Meeting .	4 00	
Ninth	25th.	From Friends in Worcester, Mass. . .	65 00	
Eleventh	12th.	From Sandwich Monthly Meeting . .	23 00	
First	20th, 1887.	From Westport Monthly Meeting . .	12 00	
First	21st.	From North Weare Monthly Meeting	9 50	
First	21st.	From Bolton Monthly Meeting . . .	6 50	
Second	3d.	From Greenwich Monthly Meeting, R.I.	5 00	
Second	21st.	From Unity Monthly Meeting	1 00	
Second	25th.	From Falmouth Monthly Meeting . .	22 00	
Third	30th.	From Friends of New Bedford	42 00	
Fourth	9th.	From Sidney Monthly Meeting, Maine	3 00	
Fourth	28th.	From Rhode Island Monthly Meeting .	18 50	
Fourth	28th.	From Swansea Monthly Meeting . . .	11 45	
Fifth	5th.	From Providence Monthly Meeting . .	12 00	
				$456 95

1886. CR.

Seventh Month	20th.	Paid to John J. Frye, for account of Frank Modoc, funeral expenses	$50 00
Twelfth	11th.	Paid Dr. James E. Rhoads for a tent furnished to Lizzie Test by the Associated Committee of Friends.	50 00
Second	7th, '87.	Paid Lizzie Test	50 00
Third	30th.	Paid Lizzie Test	50 00
Fifth	10th.	Paid Jeremiah Hubbard, to pay a Wyandotte Indian for ten days' work . . .	6 50
Sixth	12th.	Paid John Hall, Missionary to Senecas.	25 00
Sixth	12th.	Paid J. B. Bishop, Missionary to the Ottawas	25 00
Sixth	12th.	Paid J. F. Mardock, Missionary to Skiatook	25 00
Sixth	12th.	Paid Eliza Watson	25 00
Sixth	12th.	Paid Abel Bond, engaged in visiting schools, and distributing tracts . . .	25 00
		Amount carried forward,	$331 50

		Amount brought forward,	$331 50	
Sixth	12th.	Paid John M. Watson, for the benefit of Grand River Monthly Meeting	50 00	
Sixth	12th.	Paid Elwood Weesner, Missionary to Alaska	25 00	
		Balance on hand	50 45	
				$456 95

ANTHONY M. KIMBER, *Treasurer.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 4th, 1887.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee continued for service another year. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to raise subscriptions to aid the Committee in their labors as last year.

The sum of $65.38 was raised by voluntary contribution, by this and the Women's Meeting, and placed in the hands of this Committee.

ORGANIZATION OF INDIAN COMMITTEE.

JOHN J. FRYE, *Chairman.*
MYRA E. FRYE, *Secretary.*
ANTHONY M. KIMBER, *Treasurer.*

MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

William O. Newhall,
Timothy B. Hussey.

COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

William O. Newhall, Lynn, Mass.
Ellen K. Buffum, 87 Cook St., Providence, R. I.
Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.
Rebecca Anthony, 35 High Street, Fall River, Mass.
John J. Frye, Woodfords, Me.
Myra E. Frye, Woodfords, Me.
Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Anthony M. Kimber, 75 Broadway, Newport, R. I.
Asa C. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Eli Jones, South China, Me.
Timothy B. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
Sarah D. Brown, Amesbury, Mass.
Olney T. Meader, 355 Dudley St., Boston, Mass.
Sarah J. Swift, Worcester, Mass.
Frank E. Jones, South China, Me.

Ruthanna H. Nichols, East Vassalboro, Me.
Mary G. Winslow, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Anna M. Gove, Seabrook, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.

45. The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools has now been read, and is as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Since our last Report there has been but little apparent change in the state of our Bible Schools and the work generally.

A few Schools which had been indefinitely closed, have been reorganized and are at work, and some new ones established are prospering. Some Union and Mission Schools have passed from our care and are continuing their work under other organizations.

Several maps have been furnished, and some supplies to small Schools. We have endeavored to encourage the workers by a general letter sent to each School, also to stimulate and increase an interest by sending printed copies of an essay from Rhode Island Quarterly Conference, on Bible Criticism, and by assistance at the Conferences, which have been continued in all the Quarterly Meetings, at least a part of the year, except Fairfield.

It has been encouraging to note the deepening interest in this important study, by the number that have joined the Home Study Bible School, and the progress of the work by the Report of the Principal, which is as follows:

"A few have begun work in the Ecclesiastical History, Greek, and Hebrew Courses, but no great progress has been made in any of these departments. The principal work of the School has been done in the New Testament Course, in which there are seventy-four working at the present time. Of these, four are members of New York Yearly Meeting, two of Canada, and the rest of our own Yearly Meeting. Considering how long it takes to spread information, the small effort put forth to inform Friends of the work of the School, and the limited number of those who can find time to pursue such a course, the work of the School has been very encouraging. Several of those on the New Testament Course, have expressed their determination to pursue the studies of the School systematically for graduation.

"The School has sustained a great loss in the removal of Micajah M. Binford from the Yearly Meeting. As one of the originators of the School, as a teacher in it, and an advocate for it, it owes much to him, and his place will be hard to fill.

"This work should not, I think, be estimated by the comparatively small results of the first year. There have been many difficulties to overcome in a work so new to all of us. When increased intelligence and increased spirituality shall have made us feel more keenly the need of a careful study of the Bible and Biblical subjects, this work will, I feel sure, become one of the most useful instruments in our organization for promoting Christian life and developing Christian workers."

While so many Schools have done good work and are so well attended by both old and young, we regret that with some the importance of searching the Scriptures is not sufficiently realized, and our Bible Schools lose their influence and support. In this as in all work, every one exerts an influence either for or against. We ought not to be indifferent to the fact that there is no neutral ground.

We again invite the prompt co-operation of School officers in furnishing statistical reports. Several Schools reported promptly, but the Schools at Lynn, North Berwick, Allen's Neck, Acushnet, South Bowdoin, Fairhaven and Smith School house were delinquent in not reporting until after the books were closed, and the Schools at Hallowell, Me., and North Sandwich, N. H., have not been heard from at all.

We recommend this important subject including the Home Study Bible School to your prayerful attention, and to the care of a new Committee, and that a sum sufficient for the work be appropriated.

On behalf of the Committee,

C. W. GODDARD, *Chairman.*

R. H. NICHOLS, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIVED.

Eleventh Month 4th, 1886.	From George Howland, Jr., Treasurer Yearly Meeting.	$50 00	
Sixth Month 4th, 1887.	From Geo. Howland, Treasurer Yearly Meeting . . .	50 00	
			$100 00

PAYMENTS.

1886.			
Sixth Month 29th, and Eighth Month 5th.	For printing.	$10 88	
Eleventh 5th.	For travelling expenses visiting schools.	15 00	
Eleventh 27th.	Printing for Home Study Bible School.	4 00	
Twelfth 27th.	Pub. Asso. Friends' Children's Papers .	21 88	
Second 21st,'87.	Printing for H. S. B. School	9 75	
Fourth 4th.	Printing Essay on Bible Criticism . . .	18 00	
Fourth 18th, and Sixth 11th.	For school supplies . . .	14 79	
Fourth 23d.	Printing for H. S. B. School	7 00	
Sixth 11th.	Secretary's expenses, express, postage and printing	15 75	
			$117 05

OLNEY T. MEADER, *Treasurer.*

STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Number of Schools.	Membership.	Average attendance.	Number of Friends.
Rhode Island	8	535	422	261
Salem	10	467	315	281
Sandwich	10	523	376	142
Falmouth	11	538	282	246
Smithfield	7	271	174	121
Vassalboro	11	398	273	168
Dover	4	120	86	86
Fairfield	6	304	228	65
Total	67	3156	2156	1370

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting. The same Committee is at liberty to nominate a new Committee for service another year. The sum of $28.30 was raised by voluntary contribution, in this and the Women's Meeting, and placed in the hands of the Committee.

46. The Committee appointed upon the requests from Sandwich and Vassalboro Quarterly Meetings report the following Minute of Advice in relation to that from Sandwich, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and is as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITION FROM SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We would lovingly call the attention of the Elders and members of the Meetings on Ministry and Oversight to the importance of a prayerful, earnest attention to the duties of your position called by the Church, and we trust also by the Holy Ghost to be in a measure caretakers of the flock. We desire that you may seek the enduement of power from our Heavenly Father which can alone enable you to perform the duties specified in the Discipline.

Baptized with the Holy Ghost, and with hearts full of the love of Christ, you will be able in your frequent visits among your fellow members to bind up that which is broken, to strengthen that which is sick and call back the wanderers. Thus watching for souls as they who must give account, a prayerful spirit pervading your lives, the promise to one of old will be fulfilled in your experience: "I will bless thee and make thee a blessing."

In relation to the request from Vassalboro, way did not open for any action by the Committee, but the Meeting concluded that the clause in the "First Query," in relation to "unbecoming behavior," be stricken out of said Query, Women Friends concurring.

47. A letter addressed to the young people, prepared by Women Friends, has been read and approved, and they are at liberty to cause the same to be printed and circulated, also to draw upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for the expense incurred.

48. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, etc., have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

TREASURER'S GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Balance from 1886	$876 82	
Books of Discipline sold	31 50	
Dividends National Eagle Bank, Providence	70 00	
Interest on Savings Bank deposit	32 93	
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	920 00	
Salem Quarterly Meeting	680 00	
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting	1,400 00	
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting	160 00	
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting	200 00	
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting	200 00	
Dover Quarterly Meeting	160 00	
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting	280 00	
		$5,011 25

Payments.

Expenses of Yearly Meeting at Newport, 1886	$388 89
Recording Minutes and Epistles	60 00
Printing	591 64
Interest on loans	70 58
Expressing, stationery, etc.	12 10
Associated Executive Committee on Indians	525 00
Committee on Bible Schools	100 00
Education	44 50
Amount carried forward,	$1,792 71

Amount brought forward,	$1,792 71	
Committee on Foreign Missions	750 00	
Freedmen	300 00	
Friends of British Provinces	50 00	
Gospel work	300 00	
North Carolina Mission	50 00	
Peace	12 79	
Temperance	150 00	
Balance now in the Treasurer's hands	1,605 75	
		$5,011 25

The amount received last year from the Executors under the will of Henry Camps ($839.17), has been generously added to by our friend Benjamin F. Knowles, so that the amount now invested for the benefit of the School at Maryville, Tennessee, is $1,000.

INCOME OF THE BOSTON MEETING-HOUSE FUND.

Balance as per last report	$1,123 34	
Received for coupons	450 00	
Received interest on Savings Bank deposit	61 94	
		$1,635 28
Paid for rent of Wesleyan Hall, Boston	$ 350 00	
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	1,285 28	
		$1,635 28

We recommend that four thousand dollars ($4,000) be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate George Howland, Jr., for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

Our aged friend, Thomas Harkness, who has faithfully and efficiently served the Yearly Meeting for more than forty years as Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds, desires to be released. We therefore nominate Owen Dame to that position.

For the Committee,

CHARLES W. EARLE.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 13th, 1887.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland, Jr., is appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Owen Dame is appointed Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed; and this Meeting also directs that it be paid into the Treasury on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

49. We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Benjamin F. Knowles, George Howland, Jr., and Samuel R. Buffinton, a Committee to transfer from the hands of Thomas Harkness, late Treasurer of the Providence Boarding School Funds, all the moneys and securities now in his possession belonging to said Institution, to Owen Dame, the newly appointed Treasurer, and they are authorized to give a receipt for the same.

The subject of placing the above named Funds in the hands of Trustees appointed by this Meeting, claiming our attention, it was concluded to refer the same to the Representative Meeting for further consideration.

50. The Representatives to whom was referred the request of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, in relation to a new apportionment of Yearly Meeting Stock, report as follows, viz. : —

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON REQUEST FROM SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

We have taken the subject into our serious deliberation, and are united in recommending that the rate per cent. of Yearly Meeting Stock to be raised by each Quarterly Meeting be as follows, viz.:

Rhode Island	23 per cent.
Salem	17
Sandwich	30
Falmouth	6
Smithfield	5
Vassalboro	5
Dover	4
Fairfield	10
Total	100

51. The Treasurer of this Meeting informed us that the edition of our Book of Discipline, placed in his hands for sale, is nearly exhausted. We conclude to refer the subject of a new edition to the Representative Meeting.

52. The Committee to nominate a Bible School Committee made a Report, which is approved by this Meeting, and is as follows, viz. :—

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

CHARLES W. GODDARD, *Chairman*, Lisbon Falls, Me.
OLNEY T. MEADER, *Treasurer*, 355 Dudley St., Boston, Mass.
ANNA J. GODDARD, *Secretary*, 97 Winter St., Portland, Me,

Executive Committee.

Robert P. Gifford, Providence, R. I.
George R. Wood, New Bedford, Mass.
George B. Wing, North Fairfield, Me.
Linwood W. Jones, South China, Me.
Saloma C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.
Sarah H. Taber, New Bedford, Mass.
William P. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.

Harriet D. Collins, Hopkinton, R. I.
Tacie P. Hawkes, 12 Tremont St., Lynn, Mass.
J. Warren Huntington, Amesbury, Mass.
Thomas A. Wheeler, Bolton, Mass.
Sarah Marble, Woonsocket, R. I.
Ellen A. Winslow, Saccarappa, Me.
Alice R. Estes, Dover, N. H.
C. Irving Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Alfred W. Hawkes, Manchester, Me.
John S. Kimber, Newport, R. I.
Charles E. Peaslee, Pittsfield, N. H.
Alice D. Brown, Box 314, Amesbury, Mass.
Albert F. Minott, Deering, Me.
Lindley H. Farr, Peabody, Mass.
Emma L. Hacker, Saccarappa, Me.
Mary A. Hoxie, West Sidney, Me.

53. The Committee on Peace have presented their Annual Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Your Committee on Peace can only say, that no way has opened during the past year for any public meetings upon this subject.

We have worked, however, in our usual manner by disseminating quite a large quantity of Peace literature, believing this to be a very effective method of reaching the people, and of correcting an erroneous public opinion.

If the Yearly Meeting decides to continue this concern under the care of a Committee, we would recommend the appropriation of twenty-five dollars to aid in prosecuting the work.

On behalf of the Committee,

CHARLES H. JONES.
H. ELIZABETH JONES.

The Report is satisfactory to this Meeting. The same Committee is continued for service another year, with the addition of Louisa P. Hoag.

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

Charles H. Jones,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
Asa C. Tuttle,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Eli Jones,
Sarah J. Swift,
Anna F. Hall,
H. Elizabeth Jones,
Annie M. Ray,
Louisa P. Hoag.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

54. The Committee on Mission Work in North Carolina and other States in the South have made their Report, which has been read, and is satisfactory to the Meeting. The Committee is released from further service. The Report is as follows, viz.:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL AND MISSION WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee to whom you entrusted the care of the work in North Carolina, have continued to employ Fannie Caison, who has continued the same School as last year at White Plains, in Surry County.

With the fifty dollars appropriated by the Yearly Meeting, supplemented by thirty-four dollars given by your Committee, and considerable more kindly donated — some by interested Friends in Philadelphia — the School has been kept in operation during the winter and spring. A part of the time fifty-five scholars were enrolled, and the average attendance was thirty-two. Then, for a while, measles was prevalent in the neighborhood, and the number of pupils attending School was much reduced. We learn by Fannie Caison's letters to us, that the healthy religious interest spoken of in our Report of last year, has continued and increased in the vicinity of the School, and among the scholars, one of whom takes an active and prominent part in the services, at the Meeting and Bible School, both of which are in a flourishing condition. A Preparative Meeting has just been established, and it is hoped that the good work will continue prosperous.

C. M. JONES,
HANNAH J. BAILEY, } *Committee.*

55. The Committee under appointment in reference to the few members of our Society, now or formerly residing in the British Provinces, made the following Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS OF THE BRITISH PROVINCES.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee have endeavored to be faithful in the discharge of their duties, and in so doing have been able to increase the happiness of the object of their appointment.

Kind and sympathizing visits have been made by some of the members of the Committee, and the friendly correspondence of others, with the material aid given, have had much to do in making the days of the aged cheerful, that otherwise might have been filled with gloom; and for all of this much gratitude has been felt and expressed on the part of the recipient.

The appropriation with an added contribution of $50.00 has failed to supply all needed wants.

The Committee recommend the continued care of this Meeting with an appropriation of $100.

For the Committee,

B. F. KNOWLES.

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 13th, 1887.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee is continued for service another year.

COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS FROM BRITISH PROVINCES.

Benjamin F. Knowles,
George Richardson,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Thomas B. Nichols,
Rachel B. Nichols.

56. The Committee on Finance report as follows, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We recommend that there be appropriated from the treasury the sums named below, viz :—

For the Associated Executive Committee on Indian affairs . . .	$525 00
Bible Schools	100 00
Education	100 00
Amount carried forward,	$725 00

Amount brought forward,	$725 00
Foreign Missions	750 00
Freedmen	800 00
Gospel Work	300 00
Peace	25 00
Temperance	150 00
Aid to a Friend from the British Provinces	100 00
	$2,850 00

By direction of the Committee,

OWEN DAME.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 15th, 1887.

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Rhode Island. — Samuel R. Buffinton.
Salem. — Owen Dame.
Sandwich. — George Howland, Jr.
Falmouth. — Augustus F. Cox.
Smithfield. — Richard Battey.
Vassalboro. — William A. Jones.
Dover. — Timothy B. Hussey.
Fairfield. — Levi Jones.

57. Epistles to London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, Indiana, Ohio, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and a Joint Epistle to Brumana Monthly Meeting, were read and approved; the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

58. The following Minute was adopted by the Women's Meeting, and approved by this Meeting, viz.: — "We appreciate the work of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union in its efforts to abolish the liquor traffic in our beloved country, and we believe it to be a very efficient aid to the Church, in both the local and national aspects of this great question."

59. The Clerk is authorized to sign, on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend Benjamin F. Farquhar, viz.:— "Benjamin F. Farquhar attended this Meeting. His company and relig-

ious services have been acceptable to us;" and similar ones for Mary J. Weaver, David E. Sampson, Jeremiah A. Grinnell, John P. Pennington, William P. Pinkham, Ezra G. Pearson, Josiah Dillon, Evi Sharpless, James P. Pinkham and William Marshall.

60. The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend, Charlotte M. Farquhar, viz.:—"Charlotte M. Farquhar attended this Meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us;" and a similar one for Jane M. Grinnell.

61. The following Minute is directed to be forwarded to the First Baptist Church of Portland, Maine, in whose house of worship we have held this Yearly Meeting, and the Clerks are authorized to sign it in our behalf, viz.:—

To the First Baptist Church of Portland, Me.:

The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, now in session, take pleasure in expressing to you their grateful appreciation of your kindness and Christian fellowship, in allowing the use of your house for holding the sessions of their Meeting.

May the Lord abide with you, and "stablish you in every good word and work."

62. We appoint the following Committee to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, which now are or may then be under appointment, viz.:—

Samuel R. Buffinton,
Levi Jones,
Eli Jones,
Thomas Wood,
Augustus F. Cox,
George Douglas,
Ezra Hawkes,
Charles M. Jones,
Sarah M. Richardson,
Phebe S. Aydelott,
Hannah J. Bailey,
S. Jane Cox,
Robert P. Gifford.

63. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed; and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand two hundred copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

64. STATISTICS OF CHILDREN CALLED FOR LAST YEAR.

	Number children between 4 and 21.	Number children between 12 and 21.	Number attending School.	Number attending schools taught or controlled by Friends.
Rhode Island	115	58	77	43
Salem	97	55	53	15
Sandwich	70	43	48	10
†Falmouth	23	12	*	6
Smithfield	36	*	23	3
Vassalboro	64	*	*	*
Dover	36	23	26	4
Fairfield	69	46	51	2
Total	510	237	278	83

* No report.
† One Monthly Meeting only reported.

65. The interesting and very important engagements of this Yearly Meeting are now satisfactorily concluded. We acknowledge that many of us came up hither deeply bowed in spirit, under a realizing sense of the trials through which the Church is now passing, but as a firm reliance upon an Almighty Arm has been experienced, we can now gratefully and with humbled hearts say, as we are about to separate, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us."

We now conclude, proposing to meet again at Newport, R. I., on the second Sixth-day of Sixth Month next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

NOTE. — The Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting are: —
GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., New Bedford, Mass.
JOSEPH CARTLAND, Newburyport, Mass.

MINUTES

OF THE

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1887.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 10th, 1887.

Reports have been received from all our Quarterly Meetings, informing us that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.: —

From Rhode Island. — Ellen K. Buffum, Phebe R. Gifford, Esther Chace, Electa J. Collins, Rachel Anthony, Rebecca Anthony, Harriet D. Collins, Lydia A. Macomber, Cynthia J. Earle and Louisa N. Meader.

From Salem. — Gertrude W. Cartland, Jane Nichols, Mary J. Buxton, Lydia C. Neal, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Sarah Abbie Gove, Sylvina A. Manning, Alice W. Maxfield, Susan L. Meader, Lavina G. Huntington, Gulielma C. Wood, Mary Almy Chase, Lucy T. Herbert and Sarah W. Swett.

From Sandwich. — Susan S. Tripp, Ruth L. Smith, Mary G. Macomber, Susan M. Seabury, Charity G. Chace, Hannah R. Gifford, Ruth S. Murray, Anna G. Wood, Susan T. Thompson, Lydia B. Dillingham, Mary Haffard, Hetty K. Davis, Sarah F. Potter and Rebecca D. Ewer.

From Falmouth. — Lucy R. Goddard, Myra E. Frye, Elizabeth A. Douglas, Phebe P. Jones, Elizabeth H. Cobb, S. Jane Cox, Lucy J. Lunt, Sarah J. Jones, Mary B. Johnston, Mary E. Dearborn, Alice W. Hawkes and Lucy A. Hawkes.

From Smithfield. — Lydia Haight, Susan Ann Gifford, Saloma C. Wheeler, Mary A. Battey, Maria Aldrich and Dorcas H. Wheeler.

FROM VASSALBORO. — Rachel B. Nichols, Mary R. Jones, Sarah E. Varney, Peace Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, Harriet L. Hoxie, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Mary T. Gould, Mary E. Taber and Mary E. Philbrook.

FROM DOVER. — Lydia E. Sawyer, Catharine F. Hanson, Emeline H. Tuttle, Anna M. Evans, Lydia E. Jenkins, Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Alice R. Estes and Hannah W. Meader.

FROM FAIRFIELD. — Hannah J. Bailey, Lavinia M. Briggs, Mary G. Winslow, Mary F. Bailey, Mary C. Hawkes and Martha B. Osborne.

The Representatives being called, were present except fifteen, for the absence of nine of whom sufficient reasons were given.

Epistles have been received from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, except London. Those from Ireland, New York, Canada, Baltimore and North Carolina, have been acceptably read, and are precious to us as the voice of the Spirit to the Churches. We defer the reading of the remainder to a future session. We appoint a Committee to nominate a Committee on Correspondence, and report at a future meeting.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends, Benjamin F. Farquhar and Mary J. Weaver, of New York Yearly Meeting; David E. Sampson, of North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Jeremiah A. Grinnell, of Ohio Yearly Meeting; John P. Pennington, Ezra G. Pearson and William P. Pinkham, of Indiana Yearly Meeting; and Josiah Dillon, Evi Sharpless, William Marshall and James P. Pinkham, of Iowa Yearly Meeting; who have presented satisfactory Minutes from their friends at home, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

Our friends, Jane M. Grinnell, an Elder, companion to her husband, Jeremiah A. Grinnell, and Charlotte M. Farquhar, companion to her husband, Benjamin F. Farquhar, are also acceptably with us.

We appoint our friend, Mary E. Taylor, to take charge of the Reports of the business of our Meetings for the local papers.

The subject of furnishing our friends now in attendance with us from other Yearly Meetings with returning Minutes, if way should open, is referred to the following named Friends to act in conjunction with a similar Committee from the Men's Meeting, viz.:—Peace Jones, Rachel B. Nichols, Gertrude W. Cartland, Ruth S. Murray, Lydia E. Sawyer, Ruthanna H. Nichols and Esther Jones.

The Representatives were requested to confer together at the rise of this Meeting, and propose to our next Meeting the name of a Friend for Clerk, and also one for Assistant Clerk of this Meeting.

The following named Friends were appointed to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, viz.:—Electa J. Collins, Mary A. Chase, Mary C. Hawkes, Phebe S. Aydelott, Mary E. Gifford, Harriet N. Jones, Saloma C. Wheeler and Lydia M. C. Tuttle.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.—Met according to adjournment.

Rachel B. Nichols, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting, that they were united in proposing Anna G. Wood for Clerk, Ruth S. Murray for Assistant Clerk, and Ruthanna H. Nichols as Reader, which nominations being severally approved, they were appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The remaining Epistles from our sisters of other Yearly Meetings were acceptably read, viz.:—From Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa and Kansas. These testimonies of continued Christian love have been especially strengthening and helpful to us, and have met with a warm response in many hearts.

The Committee appointed for that purpose, have presented the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence, which being approved by the Meeting, they are appointed to that service, viz.:—

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Louisa P. Hoag,
Gulielma C. Wood,
Alice W. Maxfield,
Lucy T. Herbert,
Susan T. Thompson,
Ada Haffard,
Rebecca D. Ewer,
Elizabeth C. Murray,
Elizabeth H. Jones,
Ellen M. Winslow,
Anna M. Hussey,
Anna M. Evans,
Emeline H. Tuttle,
Lydia E. Sawyer,
Harriet N. Jones,
Martha B. Osborne,

Anna F. Hall,
Ellen C. Jones,
Esther Jones,
Saloma C. Wheeler,
Alice L. Dow,
Lydia Haight,
Hannah T. Jenkins,
Mary G. Winslow,
Emma Hacker,
Electa J. Collins,
Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Mary S. Wood,
Lydia E. Jenkins,
Gertrude W. Cartland.

The Joint Committee appointed last year on the subject of Divorce have presented a Report, which has been accepted in concurrence with Men Friends, and we are united in making this change in our Discipline. [*See* p. 7.]

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. [*See* pp. 8–31.]

THIRD-DAY MORNING THE 14TH. — Met in separate session according to adjournment.

The Epistle from our dear fellow believers of like precious faith with us, from Brumana Monthly Meeting on Mount Lebanon, has been acceptably read.

An Epistle from our dear sisters of London Yearly Meeting, so recently held, has been read, and is instructive and helpful to us.

We have received from our several Quarterly Meetings statistics of membership, which have been read. [*See* p. 8.]

The accounts received from our several Quarterly Meetings bring the record of many changes which have occurred within our limits during the past year. [*See* p. 5.] These Reports again remind us of the brevity of time, and necessity for each one of us being earnest in our life work, before the night cometh.

The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as reported in the Answers to the Queries, which are as follows, viz. :—

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANSWER 1. — All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held and duly attended, with the following exceptions: In four Quarterly Meetings thirteen meetings for worship have been omitted. Three others report the omission of a few small meetings. Deficiencies exist in the attendance of our Mid-week Meetings. The hour nearly observed. Not quite clear of unbecoming behavior. Care extended in one instance.

Ans. 2. — With some exceptions love and unity are maintained. Detraction guarded against with little exception in three Quarterly Meetings. Care is taken to end differences when they appear.

Ans. 3. — We believe most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, but we think a deeper sense of responsibility in the training of children would result in greater blessings.

Ans. 4. — We think the Holy Scriptures are read individually as well as collectively, in most of our families, and the children are encouraged in this important duty. Not entirely clear in our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

Ans. 5. — Our members abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors with slight exception in one Quarterly Meeting. Most Friends are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with Christian character, and to observe moderation in all things.

Ans. 6. — The circumstances of the poor and such as need assistance have received all necessary care.

Ans. 7. — We believe Friends are generally careful to bear a faithful testimony against the unchristian practice of war; against oaths and against defrauding the public revenue.

Ans. 8. — Clear with one exception.

Ans. 9. — Clear as to records except in two instances. A few removals without certificates, some of which are under notice.

Ans. 10. — The discipline when administered is done in Christian tenderness and impartially, though not as timely as would be best.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

In reviewing the State of Society, as brought before us in the answers to the Queries, while many deficiencies were noted, we have rejoiced that so good an account could be given of the large family of meetings.

We have been forcibly reminded of the necessity of keeping guard not only over our lives but of our tongues. More mischief is wrought by careless speaking than we sometimes think. If we search the Bible on this point we shall see how much is said about evil speaking. Let us remember, also, that much harm may be done by what is implied or inferred as well as by what is said. Beware of insinuating doubts as to the standing of individuals; such criticism is cruel and the reflex influence upon ourselves deadening. Discourage conversation about persons and try to exercise a healthy Christian influence upon our social surroundings by furnishing better and more elevated topics. Our Saviour's prayer for His followers was that they all may be one. As co-workers with Him let us have confidence in the sincerity of each other and not put ourselves in the judgment seat as regards others.

We were exhorted to be gentle with the children, and not reprove them hastily when faults were committed. When the excitement has passed over, from the heart of parent and child, there will be a more favorable opportunity for loving and faithful expostulation. Criticism on the Lord's workers was deprecated in the family. We were reminded that we may thus raise in the minds of our children a barrier against the messages sent by the Lord through His instruments. The effect of an earnest appeal in the Gospel may be entirely dispelled by our careless or unkind criticism on the service.

Another thought was brought before us as worthy of attention. While we are responsible for the words we speak and the actions we perform, Christian dress may properly be included among our duties. If we are prayerfully seeking to know the will of our Heavenly Father, we shall be guided in this as in other things, and we shall be clothed as women professing godliness. The same rule will apply to our houses and to our manner of living, for we are to seek to "adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."

The Friends appointed to nominate a Committee on Gospel Work have presented the follow names, which are approved by this Meeting, and they are appointed to this service. (*See* p. 35.)

An Epistle addressed to the young people of this Yearly Meeting has been read, and also one to the sick, both of which have been very acceptable to us.

The Meeting adjourns to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Met according to adjournment.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society have presented their Third Annual Report, viz. : —

To the Yearly Meeting:

Again the time has come for the Annual Report of our Women's Foreign Missionary Society, and it is with mingled feelings that we present this Report of our third year of active Mission work.

The interest seems unabated, and some auxiliaries report it increasing, speaking of a growing earnestness in prayer and love of Mission work. One auxiliary reports that the hour for prayer for Mission work is regularly observed, collectively. We think the general increase in interest largely due to the monthly visit of our own Missionary messenger, "The Advocate." This paper, filled with carefully prepared and selected articles of interest, items of information and bits of history, is well calculated to draw our hearts and minds to the various Mission fields occupied by us. We have this year 29 auxiliaries, with a membership of 646. Help has been extended to Brumana Mission, Syria; Eli and Sybil Jones Mission, Ramallah, Palestine; Sea Side Mission, Jamaica; Buff Bay Mission, Jamaica; Spanish Mission, New York City; Mission in India, care of

Rachel Metcalf; Matamoras, Mexico; City of Mexico; Kickapoo Indians, and Wyandotte Indians.

Rhode Island. — Sarah Caroline Tobey, Vice President; 6 auxiliaries; 135 members. We have continued our sewing meetings, in which garments have been made for Syria and the Kickapoo Mission, liberal donations in material having been made for the latter. A member of one of our auxiliaries, who has long felt a desire to devote herself to Mission work, has just entered the Chicago Training Home for Missionaries. Her auxiliary and her own Meeting send her with full credentials, and substantial tokens of love and best wishes, and she has entered upon her preliminary studies, particularly the medical department, with zeal and earnestness. Thus not only of our substance, but of our very selves, have we been enabled this year to give unto the Lord.

Salem. — Mary Almy Chase, Vice President; 4 auxiliaries; 118 members. Some of our auxiliaries have had the privilege of listening to talks by Missionaries from Japan, India, Mexico, China, Burmah and Jamaica, and from these experiences have been able to take up their work more intelligently, because of a better understanding of the needs in the respective fields. Lynn auxiliary states, that the little girl we are educating claims our first attention and care. We learn from S. A. Purdie that she is deserving of it. He writes that she is very thoughtful and studious, very susceptible to religious teaching, and has applied for membership in the Society of Friends. This auxiliary also reports a Missionary meeting for children, at one of which they were entertained by a daughter of William Butler, a lady who was born and spent many years in India.

Sandwich. — Mary Jane Gifford, Vice President; 4 auxiliaries; 84 members. The interest in Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in Mission work has been steadily maintained, and we can thankfully acknowledge that the hearts of our sisters are being enlarged, as they realize more fully the need of the hour. Our young girls have watched the work of Lizzie Test among the Indians, and have worked diligently and earnestly to raise the funds necessary to sustain her. We are also supporting a girl at the Brumana Training Home, besides contributing to various other objects, and feel that in these services a reflex blessing is returned upon ourselves.

Falmouth. — Myra E. Frye, Vice President; 3 auxiliaries, and 1 juvenile band; membership, 47. A Quarterly Meeting Missionary Conference was held at Portland, Fourth Month 13th. All the auxiliaries take the Advocate. Some of our members are deepening in interest, while others let discouragements stand in the way of progress. Parsonsfield thought best not to have an auxiliary there, but the following was received from a sister:—"Enclosed thou wilt find twelve dollars, six for Indian work and six for Mt. Lebanon. May the Lord bless the amount. Some have given from love of the cause, when it almost seemed they needed the same given to them, but the Lord can more abundantly bless."

Smithfield. — Esther Osborne, Vice President; 1 auxiliary; 26 members. As a branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, we can report but little accomplished in the good cause. While we acknowledge it to be a very useful branch of Christian work, it has not seemed to thrive in our Quarterly Meeting. The small auxiliary in Smithfield is all that can be reported. Bolton has never taken up the work, and Worcester contributes only a few membership fees.

Vassalboro. — Ruthanna H. Nichols, Vice President; 2 auxiliaries; 36 members. One auxiliary reports 11 meetings held with a sewing circle, the uniform Lesson, literary exercises and Mission talks for the evening. One other auxiliary has been much smaller, from various causes, but a lively interest is manifested by those who do attend. Oak Grove Missionary Society, at Oak Grove Seminary, with an organization of its own, numbered 40 members at the close of the school year. Interest and members were increasing, and meetings held regularly semi-monthly. They work for Jamaica Mission, under care of Evi Sharpless.

Dover. — Anna M. Hussey, Vice President; 3 auxiliaries, with 32 members. In the gradual development of Missionary interest we are constantly reminded of the fact, that Missionary knowledge creates Missionary zeal; consequently the interest' in truly Christian people is in proportion to their knowledge concerning Mission work. In view of this fact, the Uniform Lessons in the Advocate have been adopted in one auxiliary. We have contributed to our work on Mt. Lebanon, and to the New Training Home at Ramallah. Our funds are increased by needle-work and knitting, and our regular meetings rendered more attractive by the employment of busy fingers. The President of one auxiliary located among the hills of New Hampshire writes, "I think there is a better interest with us since last Fall, than at any time previous. One auxiliary has prepared two hundred and fifty tiny blue ribbon bows, for temperance badges for the blue ribbon army of natives at Sea Side, Jamaica."

Fairfield. — Harriet N. Jones, Vice President; 5 auxiliaries; 128 members. "Considering that in most of these auxiliaries but little money is represented, the pennies raised have themselves reported the interest felt in Missionary work. I trust our little, receiving the blessing from on high, will result in great good to those for whom it is appropriated."

Throughout the past year much active work has been done in our Indian department, and much substantial aid given, especially among the Kickapoos. Lizzie Test freely offering herself as a Missionary for that tribe, our Society decided to accept her, and sustain her pecuniarily to the amount of twenty-five dollars per month. Beside this, and the presents in material and money she has received from the auxiliaries, she has used freely of her own means for the advancement of her work. We believe she has labored lovingly and faithfully. The struggle has been long, the discouragements many, but her perseverance, her prayers and ours, have prevailed. The apparantly solid walls of ignorance, superstition and mistrust have given way; and just on the eve of this Yearly Meeting she writes, "The Lord has heard and answered our prayers, and here I am, this beautiful Sabbath morning, right close to the Indian lodges in the tent purchased so long ago for that purpose. I had no one to help put up the tent, and we got it wrong, but I was glad of it, for the Chief himself came to help us, and now we have his full consent. My poor patient was moved into it on a mattress I stuffed with cotton for her on fresh hay on the bedstead, and I am nursing her day and night, with the Indians all about me. They are willing to help me in any way." The importance of this work, and the peculiar fitness of Lizzie Test for the place she occupies, is emphasized in a recent letter from Dr. Rhoads. He says, "I feel strongly that the providence of God has called us to this work, and that we should not quit it." With so much gained from our first year's work, what may we not hopefully expect from the ever deepening interest in the years to come!

ALICE W. MAXFIELD, *Recording Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF W. F. M. SOCIETY.

Women's F. M. Society of New England Yearly Meeting, in account with Hannah J. Bailey, Treasurer:

DR.

To amount on hand Sixth Month 14th, 1886		$714 37
Collected at public meeting	$92 87	
Donated by Hattie B. Metcalf	2 00	
" " Lydia C. Macomber for Kickapoo Indians	5 00	
Donated by Charles H. Thorndike	50 00	
" " a subscriber of Zion's Watchman, Seaside Mission, Jamaica	5 00	
Donated by Edward Farr and wife, of Winona, N. J., for Eli and Sybil Jones Miss. fund	35 00	
Collected at Missionary meeting, Lynn	10 32	
Interest on loan	10 10	
		$210 29
To amount received from R. I. Qr.	$396 29	
" " Salem Qr.	202 13	
" " Sandwich Qr.	125 00	
" " Smithfield Qr.	62 50	
" " Falmouth Qr.	136 00	
" " Vassalboro Qr.	58 65	
" " Dover Qr.	128 25	
" " Fairfield Qr.	193 53	
		$1,302 35
Total receipts		$2,227 01

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By amount sent to Seaside Mission, Jamaica	$281 20	
S. A. Purdie, Mexico	105 00	
Lizzie Test, for salary and incidental expenses	390 00	
paid C. M. Jones, Treasurer, Eli and Sybil Jones Mission Fund	642 90	
sent Jeremiah Hubbard for the Indians	19 00	
Rachel Metcalfe, in India	25 00	
Brumana Mission	123 80	
		$1,586 90
Balance on hand		640 11
Total		$2,227 01

HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Treasurer.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 11th, 1887.

I have examined the above account, and find it correct.

H. H. LEIGHTON, *Auditor, pro tem.*

The labors of the Committee have been satisfactory, and the Report is united with and approved. We refer the work for the coming year to the care of the following named Friends, officers of the Society, and desire their encouragement in this Christian work :

President—RUTH S. MURRAY, New Bedford, Mass.
Vice Presidents—PHEBE S. AYDELOTT, Fall River, Mass.
HULDAH H. LEIGHTON, Woodfords, Me.
Corresponding and Editorial Sec.—MARGARET C. KIMBER, Newport, R. I.
Recording Secretary—ALICE W. MAXFIELD, Amesbury, Mass.
Treasurer—HANNAH J. BAILEY, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Auditor—M. AUGUSTA BATTEY, Providence, R. I.

QUARTERLY MEETING VICE PRESIDENTS.

SARAH CAROLINE TOBEY, 67 Angell Street, Providence, R. I.
ANNA M. GOVE, Seabrook, N. H.
MARY JANE GIFFORD, Sandwich, Mass.
MYRA E. FRYE, Portland, Me.
SALOMA C. WHEELER, Uxbridge, Mass.
RUTHANNA H. NICHOLS, East Vassalboro, Me.
ANNA M. HUSSEY, North Berwick, Me.
HARRIET N. JONES, Winthrop Centre, Me.

A summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read. [*See* p. 33.]

The London General Epistle, inculcating clear doctrine, and filled with the loving spirit of our blessed Master, has been read to our instruction and comfort at this time.

The following Minute was adopted by this and the Men's Meeting: —

> We appreciate the work of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union in its efforts to abolish the liquor traffic in our beloved country, and we believe it to be a very efficient aid to the Church, in both the local and National aspects of this great question.

The Friends to whom was referred the nomination of a Committee, to represent this Yearly Meeting in the approaching Conference of Friends, to be held at Richmond, Indiana, have presented a Report, which has been approved by this and the Men's Meeting, and the delegates therein named are accordingly appointed to that service. [*See* p. 40.]

We adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING SIXTH MONTH 15TH. — Met according to adjournment.

The Committee to whom was entrusted the care of Oak Grove Seminary the past year have presented their Annual Report. [*See* p. 36.]

The labors of the Committee have been satisfactory, and much interest was expressed in the prosperity of the School. The same Committee are reappointed to that service for the ensuing year. [*See* p. 39.]

The Committee having charge of educational and religious improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi river have produced a Report, which has been read. [*See* p. 40.] The Meeting was gratified with the manner in which the Committee have discharged the trust committed to their care.

The same Committee are continued for service the ensuing year. [*See* p. 43.] Our Monthly Meetings are requested to raise subscriptions to aid the Committee as last year.

The Committee on Bible Schools have presented their Annual Report, which has been read and received the approval of this Meeting. [*See* p. 44.] The Friends appointed to nominate a

Committee to serve the coming year have presented a Report which is satisfactory, and we unite with Men Friends in their appointment. (*See* p. 49.)

We unite with Men Friends in erasing from the Discipline the last clause of the First Query, in accordance with the request from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting. [*See* p. 47.]

The Committee to whom the request from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, in regard to defining the duties of Elders, was referred, have presented a Minute to be sent to subordinate Meetings, which was approved in concurrence with Men Friends. (*See* p. 46.)

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

FOURTH-DAY AFTERNOON. — The Meeting again assembled according to adjournment.

The Representatives being called, were present, except thirty-two. For the absence of several sufficient reasons were assigned.

The Representatives to whom was referred the request of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, in relation to a new apportionment of Yearly Meeting Stock between the several Quarterly Meetings, have presented a Report, which has been adopted in concurrence with Men Friends. [*See* p. 49.]

The Committee on the subject of Peace have presented their Annual Report. [*See* p. 50.] The Meeting accepted this Report, but an earnest desire was expressed that we might be more earnest and active in this service, and that more time might be given to the subject during the Yearly Meeting.

The same Committee were continued for the service, with the addition of Louisa P. Hoag, with which Men Friends concur. [*See* p. 51.]

The Committee on Mission Work in North Carolina and other States in the South, have produced their Annual Report, which has been read and accepted, and the Committee are released from further service. [*See* p. 51.]

The Report of the Committee on Finance has been read, and its several recommendations accepted in concurrence with Men Friends. [*See* p. 52.]

A Report from the Committee having the care of Friends from the British Provinces was read and accepted in concurrence with the Men's Meeting, and we unite in the reappointment of the same Committee to serve the ensuing year. [*See* p. 52.]

The Committee to audit and settle the Treasurer's Account have examined the same, and presented a Report. [*See* p. 47.] This Meeting unites with Men Friends in accepting the Report, and also concurs in the appointment of George Howland, Jr., as Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and Owen Dame, as Treasurer of the School Funds.

We reappoint our friends, Sarah M. Richardson, Phebe S. Aydelott, Hannah J. Bailey and S. Jane Cox, to unite with a similar Committee from the Men's Meeting, to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, and also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, who are, or may be under appointment.

The Committee appointed to prepare returning Minutes for Ministering Friends and others in attendance of this Meeting with Certificates, have presented the following for our friend Mary Jane Weaver: — "Mary Jane Weaver attended this Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

Similar ones have been prepared for our friends, Benjamin F. Farquhar, David E. Sampson, Jeremiah A. Grinnell, John P. Pennington, Ezra G. Pearson, James P. Pinkham, William P. Pinkham, Josiah Dillon, Evi Sharpless and William Marshall. These were acceptable, and the Clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of the Meeting.

The Clerk is further authorized to sign the following Minute for our friend Jane M. Grinnell: — "Jane M. Grinnell attended this Meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us."

A similar one was also prepared for our friend Charlotte M. Farquhar.

Epistles to our dear sisters of London, Ireland, Canada, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Western and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and a joint Epistle to Brumana Monthly Meeting, have been read and approved. These are directed to be signed by the Clerk and forwarded to the Meetings thus addressed.

We are renewedly convinced of the value of this Epistolary correspondence, as a source of blessing to those who send forth these loving greetings, as well as to those who receive them.

A leaflet prepared for the little children of this Meeting has been read, and received our warm approval.

The Clerk is authorized to procure the necessary printing for this Meeting, including the letters addressed to the sick, to the young people and the children, and call on the Treasurer for the expense incurred.

We would, at the close of this Yearly Meeting, reverently acknowledge that the Great Head of the Church has been pleased to preside over our assemblies, and blessed us together. In the cementing love of Christ we now conclude, proposing to meet again at Newport, Rhode Island, next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed in behalf of the Meeting,

ANNA G. WOOD, *Clerk.*

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MINUTES

OF THE

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

FOR

NEW ENGLAND.

1888

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MINUTES OF THE MEN'S MEETING.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at NEWPORT, R. I., commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 8th, 1888.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.:

FROM RHODE ISLAND — Samuel R. Buffinton, Anthony M. Kimber, Charles A. Chace, William H. Beale, William H. Perry, Augustine Jones, Charles W. Earle, Obadiah Chace, George Mason Chace, Simeon W. Luther, Samuel Austin, Benjamin F. Knowles, Thomas Harkness, Robert P. Gifford and William Jacob.

FROM SALEM — Daniel C. Maxfield, Owen Dame, William O. Newhall, Henry V. Buxton, Charles H. Thorndike, Olney T. Meader, John F. Chase, Stephen R. Rogers, Moses Huntington and Samuel O. Nichols.

FROM SANDWICH — George Howland, Jr., Josiah Holmes, Jr., Joshua L. Macomber, N. Hervey Wilbur, David Kelley, Gideon Gifford, Nathaniel Howland, Elbridge G. Chace, Stephen R. Wing, Gideon Wood and Edward G. Dillingham.

FROM FALMOUTH — Reuben T. Jones, John J. Frye, Augustus F. Cox, Nathan Douglas, Ezra Hawkes, Silas H. Cartland and Henry F. Newell.

FROM SMITHFIELD — Richard Battey, James O. Inman, Smith B. Steere, Joseph Russell Marble, John Metcalfe, James G. Arnold and Greely Dow.

FROM VASSALBORO — Alfred H. Jones, Eli Jones, James C. Pierce, John Jones, William A. Jones and Arthur W. Jones.

From Dover — William P. Tuttle, Timothy B. Hussey, George Estes, Ira T. Jenkins, Samuel Buffum, Daniel F. Jenness, Oliver Meader and John B. Cartland.

From Fairfield — Isaac Winslow, Joseph E. Briggs, I. Warren Hawkes, Paul Wing and Charles M. Jones.

Whose names being called, they were present except twelve, for the absence of five of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends James M. Haviland, Hannah H. Leggett, S. Adelbert Wood and Samuel Miles from New York Yearly Meeting; Richard H. Thomas and Mary S. Thomas from Baltimore Yearly Meeting; Rufus P. King, David E. Sampson and Ellison R. Purdy from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; John Carey, William P. Pinkham and Annie K. Knight from Indiana Yearly Meeting; Evi Sharpless from Iowa Yearly Meeting; Jesse W. Willmore and Zaccheus H. Powell from Kansas Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

4. We have also the acceptable company of Thomas H. Leggett, accompanying his wife, Hannah H. Leggett; Ella Wood, accompanying her husband, S. Adelbert Wood; Phebe A. Miles, accompanying her husband, Samuel Miles; Emma Sampson, an Elder, accompanying her husband, David E. Sampson; Amelia F. Purdy, accompanying her husband, Ellison R. Purdy; and Mary F. Powell, accompanying her husband, Zaccheus H. Powell, with satisfactory credentials from their friends at home.

5. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning Minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following named Friends, viz.: — Joseph Cartland, Benjamin F. Knowles, Owen Dame, Joseph E. Briggs and Thomas F. Haffard.

6. Epistles have been received at this time from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond except Iowa. Those from London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, one from Ohio Yearly Meeting, issued in 1886, which failed to reach us last year, also one from that Meeting last year, have been read at this time to our comfort and edification; the reading of the remaining ones is deferred to a future sitting.

7. We appoint a Committee to nominate a Committee on Correspondence, and report at our next session.

8. We appoint Charles W. Earle, Owen Dame, William P. Davis, Ezra Hawkes, Greely Dow, Arthur W. Jones, Oliver Meader and Levi Jones a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised, sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer; also one for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds.

9. We appoint Charles M. Jones, Samuel Buffum, William A. Jones, Thomas A. Wheeler, John J. Frye, William P. Macomber, Olney T. Meader and Robert P. Gifford a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it at a future sitting.

10. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz.:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that George Anthony, an Elder, and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 9th, 1888, aged 91 years, 5 months and 10 days; Sarah Slade, an Elder, and member of Swansea Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 20th, 1888, aged 78 years and 1 month; Sarah K. Reynolds, a Minister and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 7th, 1888, aged 82 years, 6 months and 11 days; Hannah F. Peckham, an Elder, also a member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 9th, 1887, aged 81 years and 5 months; that it has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Catherine Green to the station of Elder, and with Rhode Island and Swansea Monthly Meetings in the appointment of twelve associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; that a Meeting for worship and a Preparative Meeting have been reëstablished at Freetown within the limits of Swansea Monthly Meeting — Meeting for worship on First-day at 11 o'clock A.M., and on Fourth-day at 7 o'clock P.M. The Preparative Meeting to be held the week preceding the Monthly Meeting at the close of the Meeting for worship.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hezekiah Binns and Zillah Binns to the station of Elder, and in the revision of its list of associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, appointing nine in number. Abigail C. Beede, a Minister, and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died Eleventh Month 22d, 1887, aged 76 years, 4 months and 1 day. Robert L. Brown, an Elder, and member of Amesbury Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 11th, 1887, aged 68 years, 5 months and 17 days. Abigail M. Hanson, a Minister, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 6th, 1888, aged 91 years, 1 month and 9 days; and Mehitable Folsom, a Minister, also a member of Amesbury Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 30th, 1888, aged 97 years, 10 months and 12 days; Thomas W. Thorndike, an Elder, and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, died First Month 26th, 1888, aged 90 years and 2 months.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that David K. Akin, an Elder, and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died Eighth Month 23d, 1887, aged 88 years, 7 months and 18 days; James D. Hoxie, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Eleventh Month 30th, 1887, aged 73 years, 7 months and 13 days; Huldah Gifford, an Elder, and member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 21st, 1887, aged 69 years, 9 months and 28 days; Sarah H. Anthony, an Elder, and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 20th, 1887, aged 88 years, less two days; Seth K. Akin, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 15th, 1888, aged 84 years, 9 months and 22 days. Ephraim Gifford has been appointed Correspondent of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, in place of Isaac R. Potter, deceased. Address, Dartmouth, Mass.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that Timothy Hanson, an Elder, and member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 19th, 1887, aged 78 years; Jane T. Varney, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 2d, 1888, aged 75 years and 8 months. James E. Goddard, an Elder, and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, has been released from membership in that Meeting. Elmira A. Goddard, an Elder, and member of that Monthly Meeting, died Twelfth Month 7th, 1887, aged 49 years, 11 months and 3 days; George Douglas, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 20th, 1888, aged 63 years, 11 months and 9 days. Henry F. Newell has been appointed Correspondent of Durham Monthly Meeting in place of George Douglas, deceased. Address, Brunswick, Me. Also, that the name of Limington Monthly Meeting has been changed to Parsonsfield Monthly Meeting.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in the appointment of James C. Pierce, Henry Taber and Eliza A. Taber to the station of Elder; and with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Josiah Philbrook and Mary E. Philbrook to the same station; also in the appointment of nineteen asssociate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Gulielma M. Purinton and Asa Meader to the station of Elder, and with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of one associate member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. William Page, a Minister, and member of Dover Monthly Meeting, died Eleventh Month 19th, 1887, aged 86 years, 5 months and 26 days; Amanda E. Meader, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 24th, 1888, aged 70 years, 11 months and 28 days.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George A. Wing to the station of Elder; and with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah J. Bailey to the same station; and with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of two associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Eliza A. Hoxie, an Elder, and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 18th, 1887, aged 69 years and 6 months; Christina J. Butterfield, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Tenth Month 25th, 1887, aged 65 years; Phebe B. Taylor, an Elder, and member of the same Meeting, died Fourth Month 16th, 1888, aged 83 years.

11. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid, or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportion of stock called for last year.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON — Met pursuant to adjournment.

12. Samuel R. Buffinton, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William O. Newhall for Clerk, and Timothy B. Hussey and Daniel C.

Maxfield for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being severally approved, they were accordingly appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

13. The Epistles from Indiana, Western, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings were now read.

14. The Committee appointed for that purpose, presented the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence, which is approved by the Meeting, as follows, viz.: —

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

William Jacob,	Robert P. Gifford,
Olney T. Meader,	Ellwood G. Macomber,
Charles W. Goddard,	Isaac Winslow,
Samuel Buffum,	Alfred H. Jones,
Charles M. Jones,	Richard Battey,
Arthur W. Jones,	Gideon Wood,
Charles E. Peaslee,	Oscar J. Morse,
I. Warren Hawkes,	Alvano C. Goddard,
John B. Baylies,	Benjamin F. Knowles,
John S. Kimber,	Charles H. Thorndike,

John F. Chase.

15. The Statistical Accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings, were now read, and are as follows, viz.:

STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Number reported last year.	Error in last year's report. — Gain.	Error in last year's report. — Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number of Members.
Rhode Island .	803		3	9	16	4	12	35	10	7		810
Salem	672		12	3	12	9	14	13			13	659
Sandwich . . .	632	1		0	31	3	4	12	3		22	610
Falmouth . . .	686		1	7	18	4	10	21	6		3	683
Smithfield . . .	373		4	1	6	9	5	5	2		2	371
Vassalboro . .	505	2		1	4	11	5	11	1	13		520
Dover	296			1	7	2	2	3	6		9	287
Fairfield	493			6	7	3	0	15	5	12		505
Total	4460	3	20	28	101	45	52	115	33	32	49	4445
Net Loss . .											15	

STATISTICS OF CHILDREN.

	Number of children between 4 and 21.	Number of children between 12 and 21.	Number attending School.	Number attending Schools taught or controlled by Friends.
Rhode Island	140	81	81	18
Salem	99	57	49	11
Sandwich	75	38	44	6
Falmouth	138	76	112	7
Smithfield	37	24	18	4
Vassalboro	61	35	50	7
Dover	31	19	24	2
Fairfield	68	42	47	1
Total	649	372	425	56

16. The Committee appointed last year to transfer from the late Treasurer of the Providence Boarding School Funds, all the moneys and securities then in his possession to the newly appointed Treasurer, make the following report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Committee is released. The report is as follows, viz. :

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed last year, as per Minute No. 49, met in Providence Sixth Month 29th, 1887, and transferred from Thomas Harkness, late Treasurer, to Owen Dame, the newly appointed Treasurer, all the securities belonging to the Boarding School Funds, the same as reported by the Auditing Committee, Fifth Month 28th, 1887, and all moneys on hand, being the balances of income to Sixth Month 29th, 1887, amounting to $1,224.70, giving Thomas Harkness our receipt for same, also taking from Owen Dame his receipt for same, which we enclose herewith.

ROB'T P. GIFFORD,
B. F. KNOWLES,
GEO. HOWLAND, Jr.,
SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON.

Newport, R. I., Sixth Month 8th, 1888.

17. The Meeting having decided that all new business which any Friend or Friends may desire to bring before the Meeting should be first considered by a Committee appointed for that purpose, and be presented or withheld by them at their discretion.

The Clerks were requested to bring forward at a future sitting the names of suitable Friends to serve as such Committee this year.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

SEVENTH-DAY MORNING, THE 9TH.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

18. The Clerks, to whom was referred the nomination of a Committee on New Business, reported the names of Daniel C. Maxfield, Ellen K. Buffum and Joseph E. Briggs, which was approved by the Meeting.

19. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting in its report to this Meeting states: "A recommendation from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting to this, requesting that Elders be appointed for a term of three years instead of as at present, and that the service of the Elders now under appointment terminate with said change, which proposition requiring a change of discipline, this Meeting is united in forwarding it to the ensuing Yearly Meeting for its action thereon." This Meeting concludes to refer the subject to the careful consideration of the Representatives now in attendance of this Yearly Meeting.

20. Salem Quarterly Meeting by its account to this Meeting states: "We are united in requesting the Yearly Meeting to define the discipline in relation to the appointment and functions of Clerks of United Meetings." This subject also is referred to the Representatives.

21. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting requests as follows, viz.: "We propose, with the approval of your Meeting, that our Quarterly Meetings be held hereafter at 11.30 o'clock A.M., throughout the year," which this meeting approves of granting, and the change is accordingly made, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

22. Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports as follows, viz.: "Agreeably to a request received from Limington Monthly Meeting (now Parsonsfield Monthly Meeting), this Meeting is united in asking of the Yearly Meeting that Parsonsfield Monthly Meeting be set off from this Meeting and joined with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, State of New Hampshire, and the two Monthly Meetings

constitute a Quarterly Meeting, to be called Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting. The time of holding said Meeting to be left with the Representatives." And Dover Quarterly Meeting reports: "Sandwich Monthly Meeting having requested liberty to unite with Limington Monthly Meeting with a view of forming a new Quarterly Meeting, this Meeting is united in granting the request. Should it seem best for the Yearly Meeting to set up the new Quarterly Meeting referred to, this Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting to make the following changes in the times and places for holding Dover Quarterly Meeting as follows, viz.: — On Seventh-day after the first Fifth-day in the First Month, at North Berwick, and on Seventh-day following the third Fifth-day in the Fourth Month at Dover, Eighth Month at North Berwick, and Tenth Month at Rochester, at 10.30, A.M." The Meeting decided to refer this subject also to the Representatives.

23. Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting requests as follows, viz.: — "This Meeting is united in asking that the Yearly Meeting be held at Portland, Maine, in 1889," which is united with by this Meeting, and we conclude to meet in Portland, Maine, next year.

24. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, presented their Annual Report, viz: —

REPORT OF BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting their Sixty-ninth Annual Report, the School Committee desire to express their gratitude to the All-wise Disposer of events for His superintending care over the Institution, in that we have been favored to pass the entire year without any serious illness, two cases of catarrhal pneumonia and a few slight colds being all the exceptions to continuous good health.

The School has moved on through the year, to quote an expression of the Principal in his communication to us at one of our meetings, "with remarkable ease and effectiveness;" which expression accords with the reports of our Sub-committees which have had the more immediate care of the School and Family in the interims between the regular meetings of the General Committee.

The deep religious interest, which has been of so marked a character for the several past years, has not abated, but has become in itself a large factor in the conduct of the School at large. The impressions made upon the minds of our young people, who have been under its influence while at the School, will not be left behind when they go out into the world, but will, as we trust, be kept in grateful remembrance.

The average number of scholars has been 74 boys and 64 girls, boarders, and 12 boys and 11 girls, day scholars; pursuing special courses, 15.

The Officers of government and instruction for the year about to close, have been:

AUGUSTINE JONES, A.M., LL.B., Principal, and Political Science.
MARCELLUS OAKEY, Governor, and English Studies.
SUSAN S. MOORE, Governess, and English Studies.
BESSIE T. WING, History and Literature.
THOMAS J. BATTEY, A.B., Natural Science.
MARY E. RAWSON, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
SOPHIA L. PITMAN, Drawing and Painting.
ALBERT A. STANLEY, Instrumental Music.
GEORGE A. BARTON, A.M., Greek and Latin.
WALTER S. MEADER, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
CLARA A. WINSLOW, English Studies.
MARY P. HELME, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
ALLEN W. WEEKS, Mechanic Arts.
EDWARD F. ROBINSON, A.B., Latin, and in charge of school-room.
RUFUS M. JONES, A.M., Modern Languages.
LUCY J. HAWKES, Primary Room.
EDWARD F. ROBINSON, A.B., Secretary and Book-keeper.
ANNIE E. EWER, Librarian.

The following Statement by the Auditors, gives the condition of the Treasury at the close of the School year, Seventh Month 1st, 1887.

STATEMENT OF SETTLEMENT OF BOARDING SCHOOL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1886–87.

RECEIPTS.

From Elizabeth Fry Fund for Board and Tuition	$1,500 00	
From Philip J. Tripp Fund for Board and Tuition	75 00	
From the General Fund for Board and Tuition	6,565 07	
From all other sources	34,249 41	
From Auxiliary Studies, use of piano, etc.,	3,789 32	
		$46,178 80

EXPENDITURES.

For Salaries	$16,306 89
Wages	8,415 27
Provisions	9,922 01
Advertising	489 90
Repairs and renewals	2,961 38
Amount carried forward,	$38,095 45

Amount brought forward,	$38,095 45	
Water	576 81	
Fuel	1,507 86	
Lights	963 61	
Paper and periodicals	110 09	
Incidentals	606 80	
City Tax, 1886	2,780 40	
Library	327 31	
Improvements	72 69	
Debts considered bad	485 84	
	$45,526 86	
Leaving profits on year's work	651 94	
		$46,178 80

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON,
JAMES H. CHACE,
JAMES O. INMAN,
ROB'T P. GIFFORD,
Auditors.

Stephen T. Olney, of Providence, by his last will, left a sum of money to institutions similar to Brown University. The Court limited the bequest to Rhode Island, and decided further that Friends' School at Providence was an Institution similar to the University, and entitled to a share therein of the bequest unless the executors should deem the School too sectarian to receive the money. The executors, after a hearing on the question, decided to award to the School $43,000 of said money, to be paid over to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, upon its receipt and discharge duly authorized and executed.

We have effected the sale of a lot of land of about 13,000 feet.

We have to report the loss by death during the year of two of our members, Charles Taber, who died Eleventh Month 16th, 1887, and Sylvia G. Howland, who died Fourth Month 17th, 1888. Both of these dear friends were much interested in the School, and so long as health permitted were attentive to their duties. Their memory will be cherished by their associates.

The larger price demanded for persons not Friends has been misunderstood by the public to the great injury of the School. This difference is due to aid rendered to Friends' children by two Funds. It is thought that the objection would be fully met by a clearer and more definite statement of the matter without any change whatever in the cost to Friends' children, as follows: The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School per term for all who may be admitted be $150.00. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund of $75.00. Credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by Scholarship from the same Fund of $25.00. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the Committee, from the Scholarship of the Charitable Fund of $75.00. Thus, Scholarships from both Funds to one person, $150.00.

As these payments are really now made by these special Funds, it will at once remove a doubt, it is hoped, in the minds of those who pay the larger sums, when they see thus definitely the exact source which contributes to the Friend's child, to which they have no right. It is usual in schools and colleges to connect scholarships directly with funds which produce them, in this manner.

The rates are payable one-half at the commencement of the year and one-half at the opening after recess. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German, $10.00; for one year's instruction in pencil drawing, $15.00; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.00.

Again we commend the Institution with all its varied interests to the care of our Heavenly Father and to the kind consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf of and by direction of the School Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Boarding School, Providence, R.I., Sixth Month 5th, 1888.

Note. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 12th, 1888. The Spring Term begins Second Month 6th, 1889, and ends Sixth Month 25th, 1889.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the Thirty-first of Seventh Month next.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above stated.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

The report is accepted and approved by the Meeting. We appoint a Committee to nominate a Committee to whom the care of the School may be committed the ensuing year, and report at a future sitting.

25. The following form of receipt was adopted by the Meeting and directed to be signed by the Clerks:

"It is agreed and determined, That George Howland, Jr., our Treasurer, be and hereby is authorized to receive from the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, of Providence, as Executor and Trustee under the Will of Stephen T. Olney, late of said Providence, deceased, the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Dollars, in full for the distribute share of this Corporation of the estate of said deceased, under the fourteenth article of said Will, and under the recent decree of the Supreme Court in respect thereof: and on receipt of said sum, to execute and deliver, for and in behalf of this Corporation, and under our corporate seal, to said Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, a full receipt and discharge therefor, and discharging said Trust Company from all further accountability, liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action, of every nature, for or on account of the estate of said deceased, and for or on account of said Trust Company's administration of its trusts, as Executor and Trustee as aforesaid, in respect thereof"

26. The Committee having the care of Oak Grove Seminary the past year have presented their Annual Report, viz.: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee, to whom was committed the care of Oak Grove Seminary, the past year, present the following report:

While in some respects the year has been one of misfortune and hardship, we still have reason to praise our Heavenly Father, for the many blessings which have attended the Institution.

The School opened on Eighth Month 30th, 1887, with ninety-eight scholars, and with flattering prospects of a successful school year. Early on the morning of Ninth Month 1st, the alarm of fire was sounded; a hurried examination proved that the east end of Bailey Hall was encircled with flames, already under such headway that nothing could avail to save the buildings. In a very short time Bailey Hall and the Boarding House were completely destroyed, with their contents. As all the inmates of the Seminary were in bed at the time, it was with difficulty they were rescued; the majority escaped in their night-clothes. We have sadly to record that one precious life was lost. Little Stevie Jones, nephew of our Principal, Charles H. Jones, was unable to get out, and perished in the flames. We are confident it was no neglect on the part of either Principal or teachers that this event occurred, but rather that we have cause for thankfulness that through their faithful endeavors no more lives were lost. At a meeting of the Committee, called at once, it was decided to fit up the gymnasium and stable, suitable to accommodate a temporary school, and continue through the year. This was done, the following week, at the expense of seven hundred thirteen dollars and nineteen cents, including new seats, desks and school-room furniture, suitable to put in the Seminary when rebuilt.

On Sabbath morning, prior to the time set to open school in these temporary quarters, and while Friends were gathered in the house of worship, the alarm of fire was again given. It was found the fire set in what was the old stable, and was under full headway, so it was impossible to save the buildings; but all the new school furniture was rescued. This fire destroyed everything in the shape of school buildings on the Yearly Meeting property at Vassalboro, Maine.

A detective was employed by the town of Vassalboro to ascertain the cause of the two fires. They both proved to be incendiary, and set by George Harrington of Stockton, in the State of Maine, who for the past year, and up to this time, had been a student at the Seminary. He is about fifteen years of age. When arrested he confessed to setting both fires, but gave no reason, worth mentioning, why he did so. At his trial, in Second Month, he plead guilty to setting the two fires, also destroying the life of Stevie Jones. The penalty for the first fire and loss of life is imprisonment at hard labor in State Prison for life. For setting the second fire, imprisonment at hard labor for ten years. This sentence was passed upon him, and he is now serving the same in Maine State Prison, with life sentence suspended.

After the second fire, temporary quarters were again fitted up in Greenwood Hall, near the site of Oak Grove, where three terms of school were held, and with the many inconveniences which were suffered by teachers and pupils, we consider them very successful.

Those, who were on the regular Seminary course, expecting to graduate this year, were able to do so at the close of the Spring Term, with credit to the Institution. Through all the difficulties and embarrassments which have rested upon them, the religious interest of the School has been unabated, one feature of which has been the noonday prayer meeting attended by scholars and teachers. In both that and their other social meetings many souls were blessed.

Your Committee, after prayerfully considering the case, felt there was growing need of such a School in the eastern part of the Yearly Meeting, and the interest of the church demands it. Therefore permission was asked of the Representative Meeting, in Second Month last, to rebuild, providing funds could be raised for that purpose without involving the Yearly Meeting.

With seven thousand dollars insurance on buildings burnt, two thousand dollars given by citizens of Vassalboro, five thousand dollars subscribed by our dear friend, Charles M. Bailey, with other subscriptions, gave the Committee confidence to proceed at once.

We have now in process of construction a fine school building, 40x70 feet, with a south wing 40x50 feet, three stories high, with basement, and north wing 35x40 feet, two stories high, with basement; all to be built in first-class manner, steam fitted, etc., for fifteen thousand eight hundred and seventy-two dollars, and to be finished on Ninth Month 1st, 1888. This will make it possible to open the school year the latter part of Ninth Month.

We would ask of the Yearly Meeting their continued care and sympathy, and if any feel to give of their means toward furnishing the new buildings, we hope they will do so, as a large amount for that purpose is still to be raised. Our dear friend, Charles H. Jones, whose farm joins the Seminary property, has kindly donated five acres of land to the Yearly Meeting, which, with what they already have, makes a fine school property.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

CHARLES M. JONES, *Clerk.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 7th, 1888.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

New England Yearly Meeting in account with Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary: —

1887.		Cr.		
Fourth Month	4th.	By cash from Obadiah Chace . . .	$ 5 00	
Fourth	11th.	By cash from Amesbury Friends, by M. G. Frye	6 00	
Fourth	12th.	By cash from Sarah J. Swift, by M. G. Frye	10 00	
Fifth	6th.	By cash from Oscar J. Morse, by Sarah Marble	5 00	
Fifth	6th.	By cash from Lois Aldrich and mother .	2 00	
Fifth	6th.	Geo. Varney, by S. Marble	1 00	
Fifth	6th.	James S. Read	1 00	
Fifth	6th.	Alice R. Cranston and sister	1 00	
Fifth	13th.	Saloma Wheeler and M. G. Frye	5 00	
Ninth	26th.	Insurance Company . . .	4,000 00	
Tenth	14th.	Royal Insurance Company,	1,000 00	
Tenth	14th.	Maine State Treasurer . .	300 00	
Twelfth	1st.	Phœnix Insurance Co. . .	1,000 00	
Twelfth	1st.	Penn Insurance Company .	1,000 00	
Twelfth	9th.	Maine State Treasurer . .	300 00	
Twelfth	27th.	Portland Bible School . .	23 27	
1888.				
Sixth	5th.	Gay, Woodman & Co., note	5,850 81	
				$13,509 08

1887.		Dr.		
Fourth Month	4th.	To balance in hand	$ 24 73	
Ninth	6th.	To cash paid for lime	1 10	
Ninth	21st.	carpenters	32 00	
Tenth	8th.	Kennebec Framing Co. . .	193 18	
Tenth	8th.	Almon Lyon	87 49	
Tenth	15th.	Charles H. Jones	141 66	
Tenth	19th.	A. H. Andrew & Co. . . .	325 00	
Eleventh	28th.	Moving stable and repairs,	228 21	
Twelfth	15th.	Charles H. Jones	141 66	
Twelfth	17th.	Gay, Woodman & Co., note	5,673 33	
Twelfth	21st.	Ira M. True & Co.	60 00	
1888.				
Third	6th.	Charles H. Jones	141 68	
Fourth	10th.	Portland Publishing Co. .	3 37	
Sixth	9th.	To balance in hand	6,455 67	
				$13,509 08

Amount of the Sybil Jones fund $375 09

The Report is accepted and approved by the Meeting. The reading of this Report awakened the sympathy of many hearts in the sad occurrences of the year. Sympathy with the stricken hearts of those bereft of their loved one who perished in the flames, and also for him who behind the prison bars, is now paying the penalty of his awful crime. The Principal and Teachers of this Institution deserve our hearty support, and a prayer arose that this renewed effort to carry out this work may be greatly blessed of the Lord.

The Committee now under appointment is continued for service another year. Joseph E. Briggs is reappointed Treasurer. A contribution was taken up in this Meeting to add to the Sybil Jones Fund, referred to in the Report; the sum of $110.11 was collected and directed to be placed in the hands of the Committee.

COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY.

Charles M. Bailey,
Eli Jones,
C. Irving Bailey,
Charles M. Jones,
Augustine Jones,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Benj. F. Knowles,
John J. Frye,
Joseph T. Richardson,
Ezra Hawkes,
John H. Crosman,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Arthur Taber,
Frank E. Jones,
John F. Chase,
Alfred H. Jones,
Augustus F. Cox,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Susan T. Thompson,
Myra E. Frye,
Huldah H. Leighton,
Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Mary E. Richardson,
Harriet L. Hoxie,
S. Jane Cox,
Harriet D. Collins,
Mary W. Jones, of Newport,
Mary Ann Hoxie,
Julia E. Winslow,
Emma S. Briggs,
C. Alice Jones,
Mary E. Taber,
Sarah Marble,
Eliza P. Pierce.

TREASURER.

Joseph E. Briggs, of Winthrop, Me.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. — The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

27. The Committee appointed for that purpose, presented the names of Friends, to constitute a Committee to have charge of the Providence Boarding School, which is approved by the Meeting, as follows, viz :—

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Charles F. Coffin,	Ellen K. Buffum,
George Howland, Jr.,	Hannah J. Bailey,
Timothy B. Hussey,	Rebecca A. Steere,
Samuel R. Buffinton,	Anna G. Wood,
Richard Battey,	Deborah W. Crosman,
James H. Chace,	Elizabeth H. Austin,
James O. Inman,	Sarah F. Tobey,
Peter M. Neal,	Esther Jones,
Benjamin F. Knowles,	Caroline C. Earle,
Augustus F. Cox,	Rebecca H. Smiley,
Robert P. Gifford,	Lydia C. Neal,
I. Warren Hawkes,	Ruth S. Murray,
William O. Newhall,	Alice W. Maxfield,
Isaac Oscar Winslow,	Anna M. Hussey,
Daniel C. Maxfield,	Elizabeth H. Newhall,
John J. Frye,	Sarah Marble,
Olney T. Meader,	Huldah H. Leighton,

Owen Dame, Treasurer, *ex-officio*.

28. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report, viz :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Our hearts have been cheered as we have heard from time to time of the good work that is still going on at our Mission on Mount Lebanon. The same corps of workers are engaged there as were employed last year, with the addition of Thomas Little, of Manchester, England, who went out in Tenth Month last to assist in the mission work.

The most notable event of the year has been the building of a new Meeting House, by English Friends, capable of holding three hundred people, at a cost of about $1,600, one hundred of which was subscribed by the members of the Monthly Meeting at Brumana. It was completed in Seventh Month last and is a great convenience to the working of the Mission.

Lotfallah J. Rizcallah, who has so faithfully administered the affairs of the Boys' Training Home, has removed to a house of his own in the village, thus leaving more room for the boys in the Home.

There have been thirty boarders and seven day scholars in the Home the past year.

The Girls' Training Home still continues in its grand work of educating and elevating the girls of the mountain districts. During the past year five of the older girls who have been in the School since its commencement left; two of them have become teachers in the day school, one at Beit Mary and one at Brumana. There are now twenty girls in the Home, twelve of them having entered the School during the year.

Emma M. Bishop, who went out to take the place to some extent of our dear friend, Maria Feltham, has faithfully and ably carried on the work.

There are three girls' schools and five boys' schools in the villages near the Mission station, in which about three hundred and twenty children from six to fourteen years of age are receiving an education. Great effort is made to give them as much instruction in the Bible and Bible History as possible.

The medical department has fully kept up its important place in the work of the Mission. Our dear friends Dr. Bechara and Maria Feltham, who are laboring so faithfully in connection with this department, are now in England for a short visit.

The Mothers' Meeting at Brumana is still progressing; about one hundred and thirty women attend pretty regularly twice a week in the old Meeting House. Ten of them are able to read the Gospel for themselves, and others learn the Gospel from hearing, and it is very encouraging that many of them are leading a much better life than formerly.

In view of the comparatively short time our Mission has been in operation in the Mountain of Lebanon, we feel that we cannot be too thankful to our Heavenly Father for the wondrous blessing which has attended our labors, and that the Gospel light has reached so many hearts and homes where a few years ago all was darkness and superstition.

It has been gratifying to the Committee to find from year to year a growing interest in the Mission work, and there has of late been an urgent demand for a field of labor more immediately under the care of our own Yearly Meeting. The relations with our dear English Friends in the work at Brumana since its commencement have been so pleasant, having brought us into such close fellowship and sympathy, we are reluctant to take any steps to sever our connection with them. But after earnestly and prayerfully considering the subject, it is the judgment of your Committee that New England Yearly Meeting should have a field more definitely her own. With this in view, correspondence was entered into with our English Friends in reference to relinquishing our claim in the Mission at Brumana, and taking from them in exchange for that, their Mission station at Ramallah, near Jerusalem, where the first mission work in care of Friends was started in Bible lands by our own dear friends, Eli and Sybil Jones, during their last joint visit.

We would ask the Yearly Meeting to appropriate $750 for the Foreign Mission Work to that country. From 1869 this Mission has been kept in operation up to the present time by English Friends, and they have now a flourishing Medical Mission and four day schools there under the care of

Dr. Geo. Flessemanrem, a German physician, and his wife, who is an English lady, both of whom are members of London Yearly Meeting.

They have expended at Ramallah rather more in land and buildings than we have at Brumana, but make the proposition to us that they will relinquish all right and claim to their property at Ramallah and take in exchange our right and title to what interest we have in Brumana, they assuming all responsibility in the care and expense of the Brumana Mission, while we take the Ramallah Mission and in like manner assuming entire control of the same, keeping it in operation and meeting whatever expense we feel it best to enter into in connection with it.

We thus bring the matter before the Yearly Meeting at this time and express the hope that it will see its way clear to make the proposed change, and as it enters in faith upon its new field of labor, the Lord of the Vineyard will yet more abundantly bless it in the future than He has in the past.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

CHAS. M. JONES, *Clerk.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 7th, 1888.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Committee of New England Yearly Meeting on Foreign Missions in account with Timothy B. Hussey, Treasurer.

1887.	DR.		
Eighth Month. 29th.	To paid T. Waldmeier for Boys' Training Home	$ 847 87	
Eighth Month 29th.	To paid T. Waldmeier for Girls' Training Home	314 93	
Eighth Month, 29th.	To paid for London Draft	50	
1888.			
Third Month, 2d.	To paid T. Waldmeier for Boys' Training Home	735 00	
Third Month, 2d.	To paid T. Waldmeier for Girls' Training Home	318 50	
Third Month, 2d.	To paid for London Draft	50	
		$2217 30	
	Balance deposited in New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank	189 94	
			$2407 24

1887.	CR.	
Fifth Month, 26th.	By Cash from Lynn and Salem by Eli Jepson	$ 15 00
Sixth Month, 10th.	By Cash from Boston by Gulielma Wood	10 00
	Amount carried forward,	$25 00

Amount brought forward,	$25	00
Sixth Month, 10th. By Cash from Smith's Neck by G. K. Howland	5	00
Sixth Month 10th. By cash from Windham, by C. A. Nichols	8	00
Sixth Month 10th. By cash from Friends, by George Howland, Jr.	34	00
Sixth Month 10. By cash from collections at Yearly Meeting time	217	19
Sixth Month 29th. By cash from Smithfield Bible School, E. Osborn	75	00
Seventh Month 14th. By check from Reuben T. Jones	25	00
Eighth Month 2d. By cash from Charles H. Thorndike, ...	70	00
Eighth Month 2d. By cash from Allen's Neck Bible School, S. T. Thompson	6	00
Eighth Month 13th. By cash from W. F. M. S. of Western Yearly Meeting	227	50
Eighth Month 13th. By check from W.F.M.S., New England Yearly Meeting, H. J. Bailey	156	55
Eighth Month 23d. By cash from Annie Estes, for deceased daughter		25
Eighth Month 26th. By appropriation from the Yearly Meeting	750	00
Tenth Month 1st. By cash from Alethe Coffin, in her 91st year	10	00
Tenth Month 13th. By cash from Mary F. S. Gifford	5	00
1888		
First Month 10th. By cash from Providence, by R. P. Gifford	125	00
First Month 10th. By cash from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, by Joseph Ewer	18	00
First Month 26th. By cash from Worcester Monthly Meeting, by Sarah J. Swift	10	00
First Month 26th. By cash from Anna G. Wood . . .	20	00
First Month 27th. By cash from Bolton Monthly Meeting, by Susan E. Wheeler	2	15
First Month 27th. By cash from Swansea Monthly Meeting, by Herbert A. Skinner	27	00
First Month 27th. By cash from Lydia E. Sawyer . .	15	00
Second Month 25th. By cash from Portland Monthly Meeting, by H. H. Leighton	45	00
Second Month 27th. By cash from Weare Monthly Meeting, by L. H. Osborne	5	00
Second Month 28th. Drawn from New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank	300	00
Amount carried forward,	2281	64

Amount brought forward,	$2281 64	
Second Month 28th. From Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, by R. Anthony	35 00	
Second Month 28th. From Thomas Wood and wife .	15 00	
Third Month 2d. From Hannah J. Bailey, W.F.M.S. .	50 16	
Third Month 2d. From George Howland, Jr., and a Friend	21 50	
Third Month 2d. From Portland, Me.	2 50	
Third Month 6th. From A. F. Cox	25 00	
Third Month 10th. From Lynn Bible School and Prep. Meeting	45 09	
Third Month 26th. From New Bedford Meeting, by George R. Wood	23 00	
Fourth Month 11th. From Allen's Neck, by Hannah A. Brightman	5 35	
Fourth Month 27th. From South Kingstown, by Mary P. Babcock	3 00	
		$2,407 24

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY, *Treasurer.*

The Report of the Committee was accepted and approved, and it seemed to be the mind of Friends that for the future the efforts of this Yearly Meeting should be concentrated on a Mission of our own in Ramallah. We have been very pleasantly united with our English Friends hitherto, and a blessing has rested on the work. Now if we step out in faith in this field of labor, we believe the Lord will equally bless this effort. The Committee now under appointment is continued another year. The sum of $724.24 was collected by voluntary contribution for the current expenses of the Mission. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year, and the said contributions are desired to be made as early as the First Month, next year.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Eli Jones,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
William Thompson,
Susan T. Thompson,
George Howland, Jr.,
Anna G. Wood,
Charles M. Jones,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
S. Caroline Tobey,

Ezra Hawkes,
Alice W. Hawkes,
Harriet D. Collins,
Eliza Taber,
Eliza P. Varney,
Mary W. Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Anna M. Hussey,
Elizabeth K. Jones,

Mary A. Chase,
Huldah H. Leighton,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Addie F. Chace,
Eli Jepson,
Charles A. Chace,
Phebe W. Sawtelle,
Mabel G. Bailey,
Elwood A. Bailey,
Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Herbert A. Skinner.

29. The Committee to disburse the income of the Mosher Fund presented their Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and a Committee was appointed to nominate a Committee for this service another year. The Report is as follows, viz :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the disbursement of the H. H. Mosher Fund would report, that they have continued the distribution of the "Friends' Review" during the year. This has given much pleasure and gratification to many who otherwise would be deprived of the privilege, and one hundred and thirty-seven copies have been subscribed for. As a few preferred having the "Christian Worker," we have sent out twenty-six copies of it also.

We have distributed four hundred copies of "Thoughts on Holiness," by Mark Guy Pearse.

A Catechism for the use of Young Friends having been prepared by our friend Ruth S. Murray, one thousand copies have been purchased for distribution among our Bible Schools.

The Committee informed the Representative Meeting that if any more of the pamphlets prepared by that body on War and Oaths were required, this Fund would pay the expenses of printing.

On behalf of the Committee,

ALFRED H. JONES,
REBECCA H. SMILEY.

Newport, Sixth Month 7th, 1888.

H. H. MOSHER FUND.—TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from former account	$150 43	
From C. F. Coffin, Trustee	500 00	
		$650 43

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for 137 copies of Friends' Review	$205 50	
26 copies of Christian Worker	26 00	
406 copies of Thoughts on Holiness	101 50	
1000 copies of Catechism	45 00	
Express and postage	4 01	
		$382 01
Balance to new account,		$268 42

JOHN E. PAIGE, *Treasurer.*

LYNN, MASS., Sixth Month 4th, 1888.

30. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz :—

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOSHER FUND.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The income of the fund the past year has been, —

Interest on $10,000 Boston Bond	$500 00	
Interest New Bedford Institution for Savings	35 70	
Interest Lynn Institution for Savings	81 50	
		$617 20

The income has been disposed of as follows, viz. : —

Paid to the Treasurer of the Publishing Committee	$500 00	
Added to capital	117 20	
		$617 20

The Fund is invested as follows : —

City of Boston 5% Bond, due in 1905, and registered in the name of "The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, Mosher Fund," for	$10,000 00
Deposit in New Bedford Institution for Savings	867 26
Deposit in Lynn Institution for Savings	2,099 49
	$12,966 75

For the Trustees,

C. F. COFFIN, *Trustee.*

LYNN, Sixth Month 4th, 1888.

Adjourned to meet on Second-day Morning, the 11th, at 10 o'clock, in joint session.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, THE 11TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

31. The Report of the Committee on Gospel Work was now presented and read, as follows, viz :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Another year has completed its swift course, and again we come before you with our Annual Report. Our statistics are as follows:

Number of meetings in Yearly Meeting	71
Number of meetings visited	62
Series of meetings	28
Meetings composing the series	360
Meetings without continuous service	351
Bible readings	55
Children's meetings	4
Families visited	779
Professed conversions	46
Professed renewals	74

We might speak of discouragements which have come to us, but they are very nearly the same as come to all true laborers in the Master's vineyard, and are to be expected; we rather speak of the "good hand of our God" which has been upon us all the way along.

Considerable has been done in the way of tract distribution by some of the members of the Committee, and we have reason to believe it has been much blessed of the Lord. He has promised that His word shall not return unto Him void, and whether it go forth through the living voice or the printed page it has the same promise of blessing. The fulfillment of the promise has been realized in the Bible readings that have been given. In some localities where there has been much skepticism, and where professing Christians were extremely doubtful and dissatisfied with regard to some points of doctrine, a blessed work has been done. Doubts have been removed, believers established, and souls born into the Kingdom. The establishment of our members, especially our young members, in Bible truth is greatly needed at the present day, when skepticism is so rampant, and when it is possible to maintain an outward appearance of piety, while the belief is strangely at variance with the truth as taught in the Scriptures.

Although convinced at the beginning of our year's work that in many places other work than that usually performed in series of meetings was desirable, we find by our summary that nine more series of meetings have been held than the year previous, and at the same time one hundred and eleven more meetings without continuous service have been held. In some of the series of meetings the results for good have been very marked, and correspondence with members of the meetings where the work was done, has been very gratifying. One brother and sister write: "In a remarkable degree our brother (E. Sharpless) gained the affection, confidence, and esteem of the young men, and his earnest efforts to elevate their thoughts into a higher and holier atmosphere, have resulted, since he left, in the organization of a weekly meeting for the reading of religious books, and a First-day evening prayer meeting in our neighborhood."

Family visiting has also been much blessed. It has been found that in some family visits tracts containing some practical Bible truth are eagerly listened to; and such reading has made a way for a few words of Christian counsel and prayer before the worker left the house.

On comparing the number of professed conversions with that of last year, we are sorry to note a decrease in numbers. We would have been glad to be able to report hundreds as brought to "a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus," but we cannot. We have tried to render our account as in His sight who knoweth all things. Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God alone can give the increase. We have tried to plant and to water as God has given us ability, and we are glad to remember the promise that "Seed-time and harvest shall not fail." Believing that this promise holds good in the spiritual, as well as in the natural world, we leave the harvest-time in His hands to whom it belongs.

We recommend that this subject be continued under the care of a Committee, and that steps be taken to raise funds to continue the work.

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY, *Chairman.*

ELIZABETH T. LARKIN, *General Superintendent.*

TREASURER'S CONDENSED REPORT.

Balance from last year	$ 85 97	
Cash collected at Yearly Meeting time	211 61	
Cash from subscriptions	93 56	
Appropriation from the Yearly Meeting	300 00	
		$691 14
Amount expended by the Committee		679 85
Balance on hand		$11 29

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY, *Acting Treasurer.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 6th, 1888.

The Report is acceptable and interesting to us, sympathy has been expressed for the Committee, who have labored under some discouragements during the past year. We entrust this important concern to the care of the same Committee, with such changes and additions as they may see fit to make, and report to this Meeting at a future sitting. The Meeting entered into a voluntary contribution, and the sum of about $710 was raised and directed to be placed in the hands of the Committee. The Meeting can but express the belief that the blessing of the Lord will rest richly upon their work the coming year. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Afternoon.—The meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

32. The Friends appointed last year to attend a Conference of Delegates of the different Yearly Meetings, report as follows, viz.:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Delegates to the General Conference of Friends, held in Richmond, Indiana, Ninth Month last, report that:—

They all attended the Conference, except one member unavoidably detained, and that they are convinced that it was a highly beneficial and satisfactory gathering. Love and harmony prevailed in all of its deliberations, and the Lord's power was over all. A weighty sense of the importance of its doings to the Church of Christ, and to the Society of Friends, was constantly manifest in the meetings.

Its wisdom was as conspicuous in what it did not do, as in its action.

It produced and published a Declaration of Christian Doctrine, which it is hoped and believed will have a salutary influence upon Friends everywhere. We believe that its excellence is not in its force as a creed, not that it is a perfect summary of Christian truth, but because on the whole it is the most complete statement of doctrine which the time and means at hand allowed, given forth by a body of large experience, of intellectual power and religious weight; and that whatever defects exist in it, still it carries the weight and influence of a broader representation of the Society of Friends, than ever assembled on any other occasion.

The intercourse of delegates and representatives from far and near, tended strongly to unite the Society, and cement it together in brotherly love and Christian fellowship. And the future influence, we believe, will be to make us not only more thoroughly one people, but to make us realize what great and blessed opportunities for usefulness the Lord has granted to us in our membership.

We rejoice with thankful hearts that the blessing of the Lord has attended this undertaking, and that notwithstanding human imperfection, all things have been overruled for good.

WM. O. NEWHALL,
HANNAH J. BAILEY, } *For the Delegates.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 11th, 1888.

We accept the action of the Conference, and direct the publication of the "Declaration of Christian Doctrine" with our Minutes. The Declaration is as follows, viz.:—

A DECLARATION OF SOME OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN TRUTH AS HELD BY THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

It is under a deep sense of what we owe to Him who has loved us that we feel called upon to offer a declaration of those fundamental doctrines of Christian truth that have always been professed by our branch of the Church of Christ.

OF GOD.

We believe in one holy,[1] almighty,[2] all-wise,[3] and everlasting[4] God, the Father,[5] the Creator[6] and Preserver[7] of all things; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, by whom all things were made[8], and by whom all things consist;[9] and in one Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son,[10] the Reprover[11] of the world, the Witness for Christ,[12] and the Teacher,[13] Guide[14] and Sanctifier[15] of the people of God; and that these three are one in the eternal Godhead;[16] to whom be honor, praise and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

It is with reverence and thanksgiving that we profess our unwavering allegiance to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him.[17] In Him was life,[18] and the life was the light of men.[1] He is the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world;[2] through whom the light of truth in all ages has proceeded from the Father of lights.[3] He is the eternal Word[4] who was with God and was God, revealing Himself in infinite wisdom and love, both as man's Creator[5] and Redeemer;[6] for by Him were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible. Conceived of the Holy Ghost,[7] born of the virgin Mary,[8] the Word was made flesh,[9] and dwelt amongst men. He came in the fullness[10] of the appointed time, being verily foreordained before the foundation of the world,[11] that He might fulfill[12] the eternal counsel of the righteousness and love of God for the redemption of man.[13] In Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.[14] Though He was rich, yet, for our sakes, He became poor, veiling in the form of a servant[15] the brightness of His glory, that through Him, the kindness and love of God[16] toward man might appear in a manner every way suited to our wants and finite capacities. He went about doing good;[17] for us He endured[18] sorrow, hunger, thirst, weariness,[19] pain, unutterable anguish[20] of body and of soul, being in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.[21] Thus humbling Himself that we might be exalted, He emphatically recognized the duties and the sufferings of humanity as among the means whereby, through the obedience of faith, we are to be disciplined for heaven, sanctifying them to us, by Himself performing and enduring them, leaving us the one perfect example[22] of all righteousness[23] in self-sacrificing love.

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[1] Isa. vi. 3, lvii. 15
[2] Gen. xvii. 1.
[3] Rom. xi. 33, xvi. 27.
[4] Ps. xc. 1, 2.
[5] Matt. xi. 25-27.
[6] Gen. i. 1.
[7] Job vii. 20.
[8] John i. 3.
[9] Col. i. 17.
[10] John xv. 26, xvi. 7.
[11] John xvi. 8.
[12] John xv. 26.
[13] John xiv. 26.
[14] John xvi. 13.
[15] II. Thes. ii. 13.
[16] Matt. xxviii. 19, John x. 30, xvii. 21.
[17] John i. 18.
[18] John i. 4.

N. B.—It should be understood that the quotations from Scripture are made from the Authorized Version, unless stated to be from the Revised Version.

But not only in these blessed relations must the Lord Jesus be ever precious to His people. In Him is revealed as true God and perfect man,[24] a Redeemer, at once able to suffer and almighty to save. He became obedient[25] unto death, even the death of the cross, and is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world;[26] in whom we have redemption through his blood,[27] the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace. It is our joy to confess that the remission of sins which any partake of is only in and by virtue of His most satisfactory sacrifice and no otherwise.[28] He was buried and rose again the third day,[29] according to the Scriptures, becoming the first fruits[30] of them that sleep, and having shown Himself alive after His passion, by many infallible proofs,[31] He ascended into heaven, and hath sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, now to appear in the presence of God for us.[32] With the apostles who beheld His ascension, we rest in the assurance of the angelic messengers, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."[1] With the apostle John, we would desire to unite in the words, "Amen; even so, come, Lord Jesus."[2] And now, whilst thus watching and waiting, we rejoice to believe that He is our King and Saviour. He is the one Mediator of the new and everlasting covenant,[3] who makes peace and reconciliation between God offended and man offending;[4] the great High Priest whose priesthood is unchangeable.[5] He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.[6] All power is given unto Him in heaven and in earth.[7] By Him the world shall be judged in righteousness;[8] for the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son, that all men should honor the Son even as they honor the Father.[9] All that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth, they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of judgment.[10] (R.V.)

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[1] John i. 4.
[2] John i. 9.
[3] James i. 17.
[4] John i. 1.
[5] Col. i. 13–16.
[6] Col. i. 14,
[7] Matt. i. 20.
[8] Matt. i. 23-25, Luke i. 35.
[9] John i. 14.
[10] Gal. iv. 4.
[11] I. Peter i. 20.
[12] Isa. xi. 1–5, lii. 13–15.
[13] Isa. liii.
[14] Col. ii. 9.
[15] Phil. ii. 7.
[16] Titus iii. 4.
[17] Acts x. 38.
[18] Isa. liii. 4, Luke xii. 50, xix. 41, xxii. 44.
[19] John iv. 6.
[20] Luke xxii. 43, 44.
[21] Heb. iv. 15.
[22] I. Peter ii. 21.
[23] Matt. iii. 15.
[24] Eph. iv. 13.
[25] Phil. ii. 8.
[26] I. John ii. 2.
[27] Eph. i. 7.
[28] Barclay's Apology, Propos. v. and vi., §15, p. 141.
[29] I. Cor. xv. 4.
[30] I. Cor. xv. 23.
[31] Acts i. 3.
[32] Heb. i. 3, ix. 24.

We reverently confess and believe that divine honor and worship are due to the Son of God, and that He is in true faith to be prayed unto, and His name to be called upon, as the primitive Christians did, because of the glorious oneness of the Father and the Son; and that we cannot acceptably offer prayers and praises to God, nor receive from Him a gracious answer or blessing, but in and through His dear Son.[11]

We would with humble thanksgiving, bear an especial testimony to our Lord's perpetual dominion and power in His church. Through Him the redeemed in all generations have derived their light, their forgiveness, and their joy. All are members of this church, by whatsoever name they may be called among men, who have been baptized by the one Spirit into the one body; who are builded as living stones upon Christ, the Eternal Foundation, and are united in faith and love in that fellowship which is with the Father and with the Son. Of this church the Lord Jesus Christ is the alone Head.[12] All its true members are made one in Him. They have washed their robes and made them white in His precious blood,[13] and He has made them priests unto God and His Father.[14] He dwells in their hearts by faith, and gives them of His peace. His will is their law, and in Him they enjoy the true liberty, a freedom from the bondage of sin.

THE HOLY SPIRIT.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is, in the unity of the eternal Godhead, one with the Father and with the Son.[15] He is the Comforter "Whom," saith Christ, "the Father will send in my name."[16] He convinces the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.[17] He testifies of and glorifies Jesus.[18] It is the Holy Spirit who makes the evil manifest. He

[1] Acts i. 11, and see v. 7.
[2] Rev. xxii. 20.
[3] I. Tim. ii. 5, Heb. ix. 15.
[4] George Fox's Epistle to the Governor of Barbadoes.
[5] Heb. iv. 14, vii. 24.
[6] Heb. vii. 25.
[7] Matt. xxviii. 18.
[8] Acts xvii. 31.
[9] John v. 22, 23.
[10] John v. 28. 29.
[11] Declaration of 1693, in Sewell's Hist., vol. II., 379.
[12] Eph. i. 22.
[13] Rev. vii. 14.
[14] Rev. i. 6.
[15] Matt. xxviii. 19, II. Cor. xiii. 14.
[16] John xiv. 26.
[17] John xvi. 8.
[18] John xvi. 14.

quickens them that are dead in trespasses and sins,[1] and opens the inward eye to behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.[2] Coming in the name and with the authority of the risen and ascended Saviour, He is the precious pledge of the continued love and care of our exalted King. He takes of the things of Christ and shows them, as a realized possession, to the believing soul.[3] Dwelling in the hearts of believers,[4] He opens their understandings that they may understand the Scriptures, and becomes, to the humbled and surrendered heart, the Guide, Comforter, Support and Sanctifier.

We believe that the essential qualification for the Lord's service is bestowed upon His children through the reception and baptism of the Holy Ghost. This Holy Spirit is the seal of reconciliation to the believer in Jesus,[5] the witness to his adoption into the family of the redeemed;[6] the earnest and the foretaste of the full communion and perfect joy which are reserved for them that endure unto the end.

We own no principle of spiritual light, life or holiness, inherent by nature in the mind or heart of man. We believe in no principle of spiritual light, life, or holinesss, but the influence of the Holy Spirit of God, bestowed on mankind, in various measures and degrees, through Jesus Christ our Lord. It is the capacity to receive this blessed influence, which, in an especial manner, gives man pre-eminence above the beasts that perish; which distinguishes him, in every nation and in every clime, as an object of the redeeming love of God; as a being not only intelligent but responsible; for whom the message of salvation through our crucified Redeemer is, under all possible circumstances, designed to be a joyful sound. The Holy Spirit must ever be distinguished, both from the conscience which He enlightens, and from the natural faculty of reason, which, when unsubjected to His Holy influence, is, in the things of God, very foolishness. As the eye is to the body, so is the conscience to our inner being, the organ by which we see; and, as both light and life are essential to the eye, so conscience, as the inward eye, cannot see aright, without the quickening and illumination of the Spirit of God. One with the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit can never disown or dishonor our once crucified and now risen and glorified Redeemer. We disavow all professed illumination or spirituality that is divorced from faith in Jesus Christ of Nazareth, crucified for us without the gates of Jerusalem.

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

It has ever been, and still is, the belief of the Society of Friends that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God; that, therefore, there can be no appeal from them to any other authority whatsoever; that they are able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Jesus Christ. "These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name."[1] The Scriptures are the only divinely authorized record of the doctrines which we are bound, as Christians, to accept, and of the moral principles which are to regulate our actions. No one can be required to believe, as an article of faith, any doctrine which is not contained in them; and whatsoever any one says or does, contrary to the Scriptures, though under profession of the immediate guidance of the Holy Spirit, must be reckoned and accounted a mere delusion. To the Christian, the Old Testament comes with the solemn and repeated attestation of his Lord. It is to be read in the light and completeness of the New; thus will its meaning be unveiled, and the humble disciple will be taught to discern the unity and mutual adaptation of the whole, and the many-sidedness and harmony of its testimony to Christ. The great Inspirer of Scripture is ever its true Interpreter. He performs this office in condescending love, not by superseding our understandings, but by renewing and enlightening them. Where Christ presides, idle speculation is hushed; His doctrine is learned in the doing of His will, and all knowledge ripens into a deeper and richer experience of His truth and love.

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[1] Eph. ii. 1.
[2] John i. 29.
[3] John xvi. 14.
[4] John xiv. 17.
[5] Eph. i. 13, 14.
[6] Rom. viii. 15, 16.

MAN'S CREATION AND FALL.

It pleased God in His wisdom and goodness, to create man out of the dust of the earth, and to breathe into his nostrils the breath of life, so that man became a living soul; formed after the image and likeness of God, capable of fulfilling the divine law, and of holding communion with his Maker.[2] Being free to obey, or to disobey, he fell into transgression, through unbelief, under the temptation of Satan,[3] and, thereby, lost that spiritual life of righteousness, in which he was created; and so death passed upon him, as the inevitable consequence of his sin.[4] As the children of fallen Adam, all mankind bear his image. They partake of his nature, and are involved in the consequences of his fall. To every member of every successive generation, the words of the Redeemer are alike applicable, "Ye must be born again."[5] But while we hold these views of the lost condition of man in the fall, we rejoice to believe that sin is not imputed to any, until they transgress the divine law, after sufficient capacity has been given to understand it; and that infants, though inheriting this fallen nature, are saved in the infinite mercy of God, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."[6] We believe that justification is of God's free grace, through which, upon repentance and faith, He pardons our sins, and imparts to us a new life.

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[1] John xx. 31.
[2] Gen. ii. 7, i. 26, 27.
[3] Gen. iii. 1–7.
[4] Rom. v. 12.
[5] John iii. 7.
[6] John iii. 16.

It is received, not for any works of righteousness that we have done,[1] but in the unmerited mercy of God in Christ Jesus. Through faith in Him, and the shedding of His precious blood, the guilt of sin is taken away, and we stand reconciled to God. The offering up of Christ as the propitiation for the sins of the whole world, is the appointed manifestation both of the righteousness and of the love of God. In this propitiation the pardon of sin involves no abrogation or relaxation of the law of holiness. It is the vindication and establishment of that law,[2] in virtue of the free and righteous submission of the Son of God himself to all its requirements. He, the unchangeably just, proclaims Himself the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus.[3] From age to age, the sufferings and death of Christ have been a hidden mystery, and a rock of offense to the unbelief and pride of man's fallen nature; yet, to the humble penitent whose heart is broken under the convicting power of the Spirit, life is revealed in that death. As he looks upon Him who was wounded for our transgressions,[4] and upon whom the Lord was pleased to lay the iniquity of us all,[5] his eye is more and more opened to see, and his heart to understand, the exceeding sinfulness of sin for which the Saviour died; whilst in the sense of pardoning grace, he will joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.[6]

We believe that in connection with Justification is Regeneration; that they who come to this experience know that they are not their own,[7] that being reconciled to God by the death of His Son, we are saved by His life;[8] a new heart is given and new desires; old things are passed away, and we become new creatures,[9] through faith in Christ Jesus; our wills being surrendered to His holy will, grace reigns through righteousness, unto eternal life, by Jesus Christ our Lord.[10]

Sanctification is experienced in the acceptance of Christ in living faith for justification, in so far as the pardoned sinner, through faith in Christ, is clothed with a measure of His righteousness and receives the Spirit of promise; for, as saith the Apostle, "Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."[11] We rejoice to believe that the provisions of God's grace are sufficient to deliver from the power, as well as from the guilt, of sin, and to enable His believing children always to triumph in Christ.[12] How full of encouragement is the declaration, "According to your faith be it unto you."[13] Whosoever submits himself wholly to God, believing and appropriating His promises, and exercising faith in Christ Jesus, will have his heart continually cleansed from all sin, by His precious blood, and, through the renewing, refining power of the Holy Spirit, be kept in conformity to the will of God, will love Him with all his heart, mind, soul and strength, and be able to say, with the Apostle Paul, "The law of the

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[1] Titus iii. 5.
[2] Rom. iii. 31.
[3] Rom. iii. 26.
[4] Isa. liii. 5.
[5] Isa. liii. 6.
[6] Rom. v. 11.
[7] I. Cor. vi. 19.
[8] Rom. v. 10.
[9] II. Cor. v. 17.
[10] Rom. v. 21,
[11] I. Cor. vi. 11.
[12] II. Cor. ii. 14.
[13] Matt. ix. 29.

Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."[1] Thus, in its full experience, Sanctification is deliverance from the pollution, nature and love of sin. To this we are every one called, that we may serve the Lord without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life.[2] It was the prayer of the apostle for the believers, "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you who also will do it."[3] Yet the most holy Christian is still liable to temptation, is exposed to the subtle assaults of Satan, and can only continue to follow holiness as he humbly watches unto prayer, and is kept in constant dependence upon his Saviour, walking in the light,[4] in the loving obedience of faith.

THE RESURRECTION AND FINAL JUDGMENT.

We believe, according to the Scriptures, that there shall be a resurrection from the dead, both of the just and of the unjust,[5] and that God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness, by Jesus Christ whom He hath ordained.[6] For, as saith the apostle, "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."[7]

We sincerely believe, not only a resurrection in Christ from the fallen and sinful state here, but a rising and ascending into glory with Him hereafter; that when He at last appears we may appear with Him in glory. But that all the wicked, who live in rebellion against the light of grace, and die finally impenitent, shall come forth to the resurrection of condemnation. And that the soul of every man and woman shall be reserved, in its own distinct and proper being, and shall have its proper body as God is pleased to give it. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body;[8] that being first which is natural, and afterward that which is spiritual. And though it is said, "this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality,"[9] the change shall be such as will accord with the declaration, "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, neither doth corruption inherit incorruption."[10] We shall be raised out of all corruption and corruptibility, out of all mortality, and shall be the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.[11]

"Our citizenship is in heaven" (R.V.), from whence also we look for the Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.[12]

We believe that the punishment of the wicked and the blessedness of the righteous shall be everlasting; according to the declaration of our compassionate Redeemer, to whom the judgment is committed, "These shall go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (R.V.)[1]

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[1] Rom. viii. 2.
[2] Luke i. 74, 75.
[3] I. Thess. v. 23, 24.
[4] I. John i. 7.
[5] Acts xxiv. 15.
[6] Acts xvii. 31.
[7] II. Cor. v. 10.
[8] I. Cor. xv. 44.
[9] I. Cor. xv. 53.
[10] I. Cor. xv. 50.
[11] Luke xx. 36. See also Declaration of 1693, Sewell's History, vol. II., 383–384.
[12] Phil. iii. 20, 21.

BAPTISM.

We would express our continued conviction that our Lord appointed no outward rite or ceremony for observance in His church. We accept every command of our Lord in what we believe to be its genuine import, as absolutely conclusive. The question of the use of outward ordinances is with us a question, not as to the authority of Christ, but as to his real meaning. We reverently believe that, as there is one Lord and one faith, so there is, under the Christian dispensation, but one baptism,[2] even that whereby all believers are baptized in the one Spirit into the one body.[3] This is not an outward baptism with water, but a spiritual experience; not the putting away of the filth of the flesh,[4] but that inward work which, by transforming the heart and settling the soul upon Christ, brings forth the answer of a good conscience towards God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, in the experience of His love and power, as the risen and ascended Saviour. No baptism in outward water can satisfy the description of the apostle, of being buried with Christ by baptism unto death.[5] It is with the Spirit alone that any can be thus baptized. In this experience the announcement of the Forerunner of our Lord is fulfilled, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."[6] In this view we accept the commission of our blessed Lord as given in Matthew xxviii. 18, 19 and 20th verses: "And Jesus came to them and spake unto them saying, All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you, and, lo, I am with you, alway, even unto the end of the world." (R.V.) This commission, as we believe, was not designed to set up a new ritual under the new covenant, or to connect the initiation into a membership, in its nature essentially spiritual, with a mere ceremony of a typical character. Otherwise it was not possible for the apostle Paul, who was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles,[7] to have disclaimed that which would, in that case, have been of the essence of his commission when he wrote, "Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Gospel."[8] Whenever an external ceremony is commanded, the particulars, the mode and incidents of that ceremony, become of its essence. There is an utter absence of these particulars in the text before us, which confirms our persuasion that the commission must be construed in connection with the spiritual power which the risen Lord promised should attend the witness of his apostles and of the church to Him, and which, after Pentecost, so mightily accompanied their ministry of the word and prayer, that those to whom they were sent were introduced into an experience wherein they had a saving knowledge of, and living fellowship with, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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[1] Matt. xxv. 46.
[2] Eph. iv. 4, 5.
[3] I. Cor. xii. 13. R.V.
[4] I. Pet. iii. 21.
[5] Rom. vi. 4.
[6] Matt. iii. 11.
[7] II. Cor. xi. 5.
[8] I. Cor. i. 17.

THE SUPPER OF THE LORD.

Intimately connected with the conviction already expressed is the view that we have ever maintained as to the true supper of the Lord. We are well aware that our Lord was pleased to make use of a variety of symbolical utterances, but He often gently upbraided His disciples for accepting literally what He had intended only in its spiritual meaning. His teaching, as in His parables or in the command to wash one another's feet, was often in symbols, and ought ever to be received in the light of His own emphatic declaration, "The words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life."[1] The old covenant was full of ceremonial symbols; the new covenant, to which our Saviour alluded at the last supper, is expressly declared by the prophet to be "not according to the old."[2] We cannot believe that in setting up this new covenant the Lord Jesus intended an institution out of harmony with the spirit of this prophecy. The eating of His body and the drinking of His blood can not be an outward act. They truly partake of them who habitually rest upon the sufferings and death of their Lord as their only hope, and to whom the indwelling Spirit gives to drink of the fullness that is in Christ. It is this inward and spiritual partaking that is the true supper of the Lord.

The presence of Christ with His church is not designed to be by symbol or representation, but in the real communication of His own Spirit. "I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter, who shall abide with you forever."[3] Convincing of sin, testifying of Jesus, taking of the things of Christ, this blessed Comforter communicates to the believer and to the church, in a gracious, abiding manifestation, the REAL PRESENCE of the Lord. As the great remembrancer, through whom the promise is fulfilled, He needs no ritual or priestly intervention in bringing to the experience of the true commemoration and communion. "Behold," saith the risen Redeemer, "I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and sup with him and he with me."[4] In an especial manner, when assembled for congregational worship, are believers invited to the festival of the Saviour's peace, and, in a united act of faith and love, unfettered by any outward rite or ceremonial, to partake together of the body that was broken and of the blood that was shed for them, without the gates of Jerusalem. In such a worship they are enabled to understand the words of the apostle as expressive of a sweet and most real experience: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread."[1]

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[1] John vi. 63.

[2] Jer. xxxi. 32, Heb. viii. 9.

[3] John xiv. 16.

[4] Rev. iii. 20.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Worship is the adoring response of the heart and mind to the influence of the Spirit of God. It stands neither in forms nor in the formal disuse of forms: it may be without words as well as with them, but it *must* be in spirit and in truth.[2] We recognize the value of silence, not as an end, but as a means toward the attainment of the end; a silence, not of listlessness or of vacant musing, but of holy expectation before the Lord. Having become His adopted children through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, it is our privilege to meet together and unite in the worship of Almighty God, to wait upon him for the renewal of our strength, for communion one with another, for the edification of believers in the exercise of various spiritual gifts, and for the declaration of the glad tidings of salvation to the unconverted who may gather with us. This worship depends not upon numbers. Where two or three are gathered together in the name of Christ there is a church, and Christ, the living Head, in the midst of them. Through His mediation, without the necessity for any inferior instrumentality, is the Father to be approached and reverently worshipped. The Lord Jesus has forever fulfilled and ended the typical and sacrificial worship under the law, by the offering up of Himself upon the cross for us, once for all. He has opened the door of access into the inner sanctuary, and graciously provided spiritual offerings for the service of His temple, suited to the several conditions of all who worship in spirit and in truth. The broken and the contrite heart, the confession of the soul prostrate before God, the prayer of the afflicted when he is overwhelmed, the earnest wrestling of the spirit, the outpouring of humble thanksgiving, the spiritual song and melody of the heart,[3] the simple exercise of faith, the self-denying service of love, these are among the sacrifices which He, our merciful and faithful High Priest, is pleased to prepare, by His Spirit, in the hearts of them that receive Him, and to present with acceptance unto God.

By the immediate operations of the Holy Spirit, He, as the Head of the church, alone selects and qualifies those who are to present His messages or engage in other service for Him; and, hence, we cannot commit any formal arrangement to any one in our regular meetings for worship. We are well aware that the Lord has provided a diversity of gifts[4] for the needs both of the church and of the world, and we desire that the church may feel her responsibility, under the government of her Great Head, in doing her part to foster these gifts, and in making arrangements for their proper exercise.

It is not for individual exaltation, but for mutual profit, that the gifts are bestowed;[1] and every living church, abiding under the government of Christ, is humbly and thankfully to receive and exercise them, in subjection to her Holy Head. The church that quenches the Spirit and lives to itself alone must die.

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[1] Cor. x. 16, 17.
[2] John iv. 24.
[3] Eph. v. 19.
[4] I. Cor. xii. 4-6.

We believe the preaching of the Gospel to be one of the chief means, divinely appointed, for the spreading of the glad tidings of life and salvation through our crucified Redeemer, for the awakening and conversion of sinners, and for the comfort and edification of believers. As it is the prerogative of the Great Head of the church alone to select and call the ministers of His Gospel, so we believe that both the gift and the qualification to exercise it must be derived immediately from Him; and that, as in the primitive church, so now also, He confers spiritual gifts upon women as well as upon men, agreeably to the prophecy recited by the apostle Peter, "It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,"[2] respecting which the apostle declares, "the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."[3] As the gift is freely received, so it is to be freely exercised,[4] in simple obedience to the will of God.

Spiritual gifts, precious as they are, must not be mistaken for grace; they add to our responsibility, but do not raise the minister above his brethren or sisters. They must be exercised in continued dependence upon our Lord, and blessed is that ministry in which man is humbled, and Christ and His grace exalted. "He that is greatest among you," said our Lord and Master, "let him be as the younger; and he that is chief as he that doth serve. I am among you as he that serveth."[5]

While the church cannot confer spiritual gifts, it is its duty to recognize and foster them, and to promote their efficiency by all the means in its power. And while, on the one hand, the Gospel should never be preached for money,[6] on the other, it is the duty of the church to make such provision that it shall never be hindered for want of it.

The church, if true to her allegiance, cannot forget her part in the command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."[7] Knowing that it is the Spirit of God that can alone prepare and qualify the instruments who fulfill this command, the true disciple will be found still sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening that he may learn, and learning that he may obey. He humbly places himself at his Lord's disposal, and, when he hears the call, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" is prepared to respond, in childlike reverence and love, "Here am I, send me."[8]

PRAYER AND PRAISE.

Prayer is the outcome of our sense of need, and of our continual dependence upon God. He who uttered the invitation, "Ask and it shall be given you,"[1] is himself the Mediator and High Priest who, by His Spirit, prompts the petition, and who presents it with acceptance before God. With such an invitation, prayer becomes the duty and the privilege of all who are called by His name. Prayer is, in the awakened soul, the utterance of the cry, "God be merciful to me, a sinner;"[2] and, at every stage of the believer's course, prayer is essential to his spiritual life. A life without prayer is a life practically without God. The Christian's life is a continual asking. The thirst that prompts the petition produces, as it is satisfied, still deeper longings, which prepare for yet more bounteous supplies, from Him who delights to bless. Prayer is not confined to the closet. When uttered in response to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, it becomes an important part of public worship, and, whenever the Lord's people meet together in His name, it is their privilege to wait upon Him for the spirit of grace and supplications.[3] A life of prayer cannot be other than a life of praise. As the peace of Christ reigns in the church, her living members accept all that they receive, as from His pure bounty, and each day brings them fresh pledges of their Father's love. Satisfied with the goodness of His house, whether as individuals, in families, or in congregations, they will be still praising Him,[4] heart answering to heart, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name."[5]

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[1] I. Cor. xii. 7.

[2] Acts ii. 17.

[3] Acts ii. 39.

[4] Matt. x. 8. See also Acts xx. 33-35.

[5] Luke xxii. 26, 27.

[6] Acts viii. 20, xx. 33-35.

[7] Mark xvi. 15.

[8] Isaiah vi. 8.

LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE IN ITS RELATION TO CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

That conscience should be free, and that in matters of religious doctrine and worship man is accountable only to God, are truths which are plainly declared in the New Testament; and which are confirmed by the whole scope of the Gospel, and by the example of our Lord and His disciples. To rule over the conscience, and to command the spiritual allegiance of His creature man, is the high and sacred prerogative of God alone. In religion every act ought to be free. A forced worship is plainly a contradiction in terms, under that dispensation in which the worship of the Father must be in spirit and in truth.[6]

We have ever maintained that it is the duty of Christians to obey the enactments of civil government, except those which interfere with our allegiance to God. We owe much to its blessings. Through it we enjoy liberty and protection, in connection with law and order. Civil government is a divine ordinance,[7] instituted to promote the best welfare of man, hence magistrates are to be regarded as God's ministers who should be a terror to evil doers and a praise to them that do well. Therefore, it is with us a matter of conscience to render them respect and obedience in the exercise of their proper functions.

[1] Matt. vii. 7.
[2] Luke xviii. 13.
[3] Zech. xii. 10.
[4] Psalm lxxxiv. 4.
[5] Psalm ciii. 1.
[6] John iv. 24.
[7] Rom. xiii. 1, I. Pet. ii. 13-16.

MARRIAGE.

Marriage is an institution graciously ordained by the Creator Himself, for the help and continuance of the human family. It is not a mere civil contract, and ought never to be entered upon without a reference to the sanction and blessing of Him who ordained it. It is a solemn engagement for the term of life,[1] designed for the mutual assistance and comfort of both sexes, that they may be helpmeets to each other in things temporal and spiritual. To this end it should imply concurrence in spiritual as well as temporal concerns, and should be entered upon discreetly, soberly, and in the fear of the Lord.

PEACE.

We feel bound explicitly to avow our unshaken persuasion that all war is utterly incompatible with the plain precepts of our divine Lord and Law-giver, and the whole spirit of His Gospel, and that no plea of necessity or policy, however urgent or peculiar, can avail to release either individuals or nations from the paramount allegiance which they owe to Him who hath said, "Love your enemies."[2] In enjoining this love, and the forgiveness of injuries, He who has bought us to Himself has not prescribed for man precepts which are incapable of being carried into practice, or of which the practice is to be postponed until all shall be persuaded to act upon them.

We cannot doubt that they are incumbent now, and that we have in the prophetic Scriptures the distinct intimation of their direct application, not only to individuals, but to nations also.[3] When nations conform their laws to this divine teaching, wars must necessarily cease.

We would, in humility, but in faithfulness to our Lord, express our firm persuasion that all the exigencies of civil government and social order may be met under the banner of the Prince of Peace, in strict conformity with His commands.

OATHS.

We hold it to be the inalienable privilege of the disciple of the Lord Jesus that his statements concerning matters of fact within his knowledge should be accepted, under all circumstances, as expressing his belief as to the fact asserted. We rest upon the plain command of our Lord and Master, "Swear not at all;"[4] and we believe any departure from this standard to be prejudicial to the cause of truth and to that confidence between man and man, the maintenance of which is indispensable to our mutual well being. This command, in our persuasion, applies not to profane swearing only, but to judicial oaths also. It abrogates any previous permission to the contrary, and is, for the Christian, absolutely conclusive.

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[1] Matt. xix. 5, 6.

[2] Matt. v. 44, Luke vi. 27.

[3] Isaiah ii. 4, Micah iv. 1.

[4] Matt. v. 34.

THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK.

Whilst the remembrance of our Creator ought to be, at all times, present with the Christian, we would express our thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that He has been pleased to honor the setting apart of one day in seven for the purposes of holy rest, religious duties, and public worship; and we desire that all under our name may avail themselves of this great privilege as those who are called to be risen with Christ, and to seek those things that are above, where He sitteth at the right hand of God.[1] May the release thus granted from other occupations be diligently improved. On this day of the week especially ought the households of Friends to be assembled for the reading of the Scriptures and for waiting upon the Lord; and we trust that, in a Christianly wise economy of our time and strength, the engagements of the day may be so ordered as not to frustrate the gracious provision thus made for us by our Heavenly Father, or to shut out the opportunity either for public worship or for private retirement and devotional reading.

In presenting this declaration of our Christian faith, we desire that all our members may be afresh encouraged, in humility and devotedness, to renewed faithfulness in fulfilling their part in the great mission of the Church, and through the Church to the world around us, in the name of our Crucified Redeemer. Life *from* Christ, life *in* Christ, must ever be the basis of life *for* Christ. For this we have been created and redeemed, and, by this alone, can the longings of our immortal souls be satisfied.

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[1] Coloss. iii 1.

33. The following Minute of the Conference has been read, viz.:—

"A proposition with reference to the establishment of a Conference of Yearly Meetings, with certain delegated powers, to meet at stated periods, was considered, and the Conference requests the Yearly Meetings to consider this subject.

JEHU H. STUART, } Clerks.
MAHALAH JAY, }
JAMES WOOD, Chairman."

We appoint the following named Friends a Committee to carefully consider this subject, and report their judgment thereon to this Meeting next year, viz.: — Augustine Jones, Owen Dame, Eli Jones, Anna G. Wood, Obadiah Chace, William O. Newhall, Silas H. Cartland, Joseph Cartland, Ruth S. Murray, Rachel S. Howland, Benjamin F. Knowles, Rebecca H. Smiley, Gertrude W. Cartland and William H. Beale.

34. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee to disburse the income arising from the Mosher Fund, made a report, which is satisfactory, and the Friends named are appointed accordingly, viz. : — Alfred H. Jones, John Ellwood Paige, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ruth S. Murray, Esther Jones, I. Warren Hawkes and Sarah Marble.

35. The Committee having the care of Oak Grove Seminary request that Augustus F. Cox and Eliza P. Pierce be added to that Committee, which is approved, and they are appointed accordingly.

36. The Committee to whom was referred the revision of the Committee on Gospel Work, have made a report which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Friends named are appointed to that service the ensuing year, viz. : —

COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

Eli Jones,
Anna G. Wood,
Ruth S. Murray,
Henry C. Aydelott,
Phebe S. Aydelott,
Charles H. Jones,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Charles M. Jones,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Wm. P. Macomber,
Harriet D. Collins,
Elizabeth T. Larkin,
John B. Cartland,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Emeline H. Tuttle,
Charles E. Peaslee,
Andrew J. Williams,
Salome C. Wheeler,
Charles W. Goddard,
Albert F. Minot,
James M. Estes,
Peace Jones,
Olney T. Meader,
Henry F. Newell,
Charles F. Andrews,
Elizabeth H. Cobb,
Sarah E. Buffinton.

37. The Committee on Education have presented their Annual Report, as follows, viz. : —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Yearly Meeting :

The Committee on Education reports, That no Educational Conferences have been held this year, and only one member has given special attention to the service by visiting our schools.

Important events have occurred affecting our Educational interests. Conspicuous among these was the burning of the buildings at Oak Grove Seminary, with the sad loss of life. The great interest and sympathy awakened in the school by this calamity, will extend its efficiency and increase its usefulness. It certainly ought to secure sufficient funds to furnish reasonable compensation to its officers, and ease in running the school.

The school at Providence has received a donation of $43,000 under the will of Stephen T. Olney, the income of which is limited by the donor to no special use in the school, but may be applied from time to time by the direction of the Yearly Meeting.

We find special cause for gratitude and thanksgiving to our Father in Heaven for the large trusts that have recently come to us in aid of this cause. They amount to $80,000 in seven years, from persons not in membership with us.

There is remaining one Monthly Meeting School Endowment at Windham, Me. Its fund is about $800. This School was suspended last year for the first time in thirty years, by reason of increased High School facilities of the town. The fund is increasing for future use.

The entire number of children from four to twenty-one years of age in the Yearly Meeting is six hundred and forty-nine. The number of proper age for two of our schools, that is, from twelve to twenty-one years, is three hundred and seventy-two. Only fifty-two of these attend our schools.

The number of children in the Yearly Meeting in 1835, was three thousand one hundred and fifty-five, from four to twenty-one years of age. The number above fourteen years was one thousand three hundred and seventy-five. The number who attended Friends Schools that year, including Monthly Meeting Schools, was two hundred and thirty-five.

It is a subject of anxious solicitude that so many children of Friends do not attend our own schools. Solicitude, not merely that they do not receive instruction in our tenets, but the uniting and cementing friendships of childhood at school, often extend and grow into a common interest and fellowship in Church work, which hold the young to the common faith.

The tendency of the times is to substitute the public school for the denominational school. High Schools of excellent quality are in all neighborhoods. An apathy takes possession of parents, and they say, "if my child is not to be taught the tenets and doctrines of the Society, he will have no greater love for the Society by his school life, and as the public school is good and cheap, and what is more the child is at home and we know who his companions are and the influences about him, we will let well enough alone."

The answer to this is that the contact with children from remote neighborhoods gives to each child an education of the nature of travel. It teaches him self-dependence, a discipline of living with others as he is to live with them hereafter in human society; not in the relation of parent and child, of brother and sister, but of man to man, in which he must regard others and others regard him, and selfishness in its worst form cannot survive. It is a small world in itself, wherein the truer and higher moral and religious forces have control. There comes a period in almost every human life, when this influence is of more practical value than home influence, although they should go hand in hand.

The struggle between the Roman Parochial and our public schools, has created a wide prejudice in the public mind against sectarian schools. And in some of them which are dependent upon public patronage, while they may freely give their own interpretation to Scripture, they cannot teach the Sectarian Catechism it is believed, without impairing their influence, or destroying their usefulness.

Sectarianism was charged upon one of our institutions recently, by learned authorities of a college, the charge was accepted and adopted by the Supreme Court of a State, and by many citizens; and its unpopularity and odiousness was very evident. We proved the contrary at last, for we are not guilty.

But if we may not teach these matters in the way some persons prefer, we may possibly do even more for Society by creating in the minds of children all over the country, a respect and admiration of the Society, for its simple, spiritual, liberal Christian teaching, for its great lessons in history of obedience to conviction, and for its sublime doctrines of peace and good will, and its record of philanthropy. In short, we may in a general way, give our interpretation of Truth, if we withhold the intention and appearance of a selfish purpose; but if we exhibit such purpose, our teaching is in vain.

We do earnestly recommend that children be early taught, at home, the distinctive views of Friends. These fundamental matters are most firmly fixed in the mind before nine years of age.

There is nothing strange or remarkable in the smallness of the number of Friends' children in our schools, in the light of the statistics.

For *all* the schools there are only three hundred and seventy-two children. A large portion of these are not attending school. Another large portion are at the High Schools. The same indifference as to denominational lines which now makes it difficult for some persons to say what denominational home they prefer, makes it difficult in their minds to comprehend the important difference between public and denominational schools.

Thus our schools become more and more great charities, through which we are striving, under the Divine Blessing, to improve the world at large, rather than sectarian nurseries. And they can do what the public school cannot. They can be filled with the influence of Evangelistic, Spiritual Christianity, or primitive Christianity revived pure and simple, and it is our duty to see that it is done.

No money has been expended this year.

We recommend the same appropriation for the coming year.

On behalf of the Committee,

AUGUSTINE JONES,
ANNA F. HALL.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 11th, 1888.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and the same Committee continued for service another year, with the addition of Sarah Marble.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Augustine Jones,
Caroline Jones of Deering, Me.
Anna F. Hall,
Charles H. Jones,
Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Eli Jones,
Myra E. Frye,
John Ellwood Paige,
Phebe W. Sawtelle,
Ruth S. Murray,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Sarah Marble.

We adjourn to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY MORNING, THE 12TH.

The Meeting assembled in separate sessions, pursuant to adjournment.

38. The Representatives being called, were present except fifteen, for the absence of several of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

39. Owing to unavoidable circumstances, one member of the Committee on New Business is absent; Owen Dame is appointed to that service the remainder of this Yearly Meeting, Women Friends concurring.

40. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries. The Answers are as follows, viz.: —

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANSWER 1. — Our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except in forty-four instances (and those on Nantucket in the middle of the week). Also, one Quarterly Meeting mentions a few exceptions. Most of these omissions have been on account of inclement weather and impassable roads. First-day morning Meetings are generally attended by most of our members. Mid-week Meetings continue to be much neglected. The hour is generally observed.

ANS. 2. — With little exception love and unity are maintained and detraction guarded against. Care is taken to end differences when they appear.

Ans. 3. — Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation; and those who have children or others under their care endeavor, with few exceptions, to train them up in accordance with our Christian profession.

Ans. 4. — With few exceptions Friends read the Holy Scriptures individually and in their families, and encourage those under their care in this religious duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel ministry is maintained, with some exceptions.

Ans. 5. — Seventeen cases of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage reported. Two Quarterly Meetings report a few instances. Not quite clear in the other parts of this query.

Ans. 6. — The circumstances of the poor and the education of their children are attended to.

Ans. 7. — Clear as to military matters except in two Quarterly Meetings. Four Quarterly Meetings report deficiencies with regard to oaths.

Ans. 8. — Friends are careful in their business relations as queried after, with few exceptions, and are generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9. — Not quite clear as to records and removal certificates. Some care taken.

Ans. 10. — The discipline is administered in Christian tenderness and impartially, but not always timely.

MINUTE ON STATE OF SOCIETY.

Our love to God will make it easy for us to attend our Mid-week Meetings by making our secular business subordinate to the work and worship of the Lord. The sacrifices we make that these shall be to the glory of God, never fail in securing a blessing to our souls.

It has been cause of humiliation and regret that the lack of clearness in regard to oaths, as appeared in the consideration of the answers to our queries upon this subject, is so conspicuous among those whose advantages qualify them to bear a correct testimony on the ground of a proper knowledge alone, to say nothing of conviction. Our forefathers in the truth, suffered more for their scruples in reference to this interpretation of the teachings of Christ than for any other.

A smaller number of cases of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, encourages us to greater faithfulness and prompts us to urge upon all our members the thought that as a church we must labor to have our reports upon this matter absolutely clear.

The indications from all the answers upon the subject of a free gospel ministry, are that the spirit of the discipline in reference to this subject is fairly maintained. Much sympathy for our ministers has been expressed. That the Gospel may have free course, the people as well as the ministers must be faithful to the mind and will of God. All the servants of the Lord are, in a sense, like the keys of an instrument of music, answering, if faithful, to the gentle touch of the great Master. We have lost much by leaving others to do what should have been done by ourselves. We must seek for the truth and labor to maintain it. There are doctrines among us that are derogatory to the name of our blessed Lord, and if the Friends Church has a future in New England she must be clothed with the armor of light. Our efforts put forth in the power of the Holy Ghost and in the name of Jesus will give us the victory.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

41. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting.

42. The subject of placing the Providence Boarding School Funds in the hands of Trustees appointed by this Meeting, having claimed the attention of the Meeting last year, was referred to the Representative Meeting for further consideration, having been considered by that Meeting, they now recommend the appointment of three Trustees, to hold said Funds; and nominate Owen Dame, Charles F. Coffin and Augustus F. Cox, Trustees, which is approved by this Meeting; our friend, Charles F. Coffin, declining the appointment, James H. Chace was proposed, and having been approved was substituted in his place. The Treasurer of said Providence Boarding School Funds is hereby directed to place in the hands of Owen Dame, James H. Chace and Augustus F. Cox, Trustees, all the moneys and securities now in his hands belonging to said Institution, and this Meeting decides that no change of investment or transfer of stocks or bonds or other securities shall be made without the consent of all three Trustees.

43. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, etc., have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

TREASURER'S GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Balance as per last report	$1,605 75
From sale of Books of Discipline	6 00
Amount carried forward,	$1,611 75

Amount brought forward,		$1,611 75	
Dividends National Eagle Bank, Providence		70 00	
Interest New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank		24 00	
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	$920 00		
Salem Quarterly Meeting	680 00		
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting	1,200 00		
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting	240 00		
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting	200 00		
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting	200 00		
Dover Quarterly Meeting	160 00		
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting	400 00		
		$4,000 00	
			$5,705 75

Payments.

Expenses of the Yearly Meeting at Portland, 1887	$481 17	
Recording Minutes and Epistles	60 00	
Printing	396 03	
Interest	45 00	
Stationery, expressing, etc.	34 84	
Expenses of Delegates to Richmond, Ind.	364 75	
Associated Executive Indian Committee	525 00	
Committee on Bible Schools	100 00	
Foreign Missions	750 00	
Freedmen	750 00	
Aid to a Friend from the British Provinces	100 00	
Committee on Gospel Work	300 00	
Temperance	150 00	
Balance now in the Treasurer's hands	1,648 96	
		$5,705 75

INCOME OF THE BOSTON MEETING-HOUSE FUND.

Balance as per last report	$1,285 28	
Received for coupons	450 00	
Received interest on Savings Bank deposit	54 16	
		$1,789 44
Paid for rent of Wesleyan Hall, Boston	$ 350 00	
Balance now in the Treasurer's hands	1,439 44	
		$1,789 44

We recommend that four thousand dollars ($4,000) be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate George Howland, Jr., for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

For the Committee,

LEVI JONES.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 11th, 1888.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and George Howland, Jr., is appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed; and this Meeting also directs that it be paid into the Treasury on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

44. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, have presented a Report, which has been read, and is as follows, viz:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Western Indians were represented by two delegates at a meeting of the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs, held at Marion, Indiana, Sixth Month 22d, 1887, when members from all except three of the Yearly Meetings on the continent were present. The meeting was full of interest and it was evident the work was progressing in the hands of the Associated Committee.

In several places the Indians had already become interested in the Society of Friends, and were pleading for helpers, but had to be denied as there was not sufficient money to extend the work beyond that already undertaken by the Committee.

White's Manual Labor Institute, at Wabash, Indiana, was visited. The appearance of the place was homelike and inexpensive. The buildings comprise a large edifice of brick, the front part of which is used by the Superintendent and other officers; the rear portion is the home for the girls. The whole structure is well arranged and convenient. Near the main edifice stands the boys' home, a neat structure, which accommodates the boys with their governor and his family. Seventy-five pupils had been in attendance during the year; some had finished their course and gone home. Of the fifty-four who remained, four were learning blacksmithing, six carpentering, three painting, three shoe mending and thirty-four dressmaking. All the boys were taught gardening, farming and stock-raising, and the girls all kinds of household duties. We felt that this school was doing a grand work in the elevation of the Indian children.

Under the Peace Policy of President Grant, the Indians in Kansas and Indian Territory were given to the care of Orthodox Friends, and the other reservations were given to the care of the other religious denominations. Agents, superintendents of schools and teachers were to be supplied by the denomination having care of said work. The funds to defray expenses came from the Government, but all missionary work, which was the greatest factor in civilizing the Indians, was supplied by private subscription.

The first missionary work under the care of the Associated Executive Committee in Indian Territory, was in the Ottawa Nation, where many sons and daughters were gathered into the fold of Christ. As a result of this faithful and earnest beginning, two Monthly and seven Preparative Meetings have been established. In Fourth Month last, two of our number visited all the Mission Stations under the care of Friends in Indian Territory, and found them in a prosperous condition. Time will not admit of reporting them all in detail, but we will try to speak of those which most impressed us. Quapaw Agency was first visited. Eight remnants of tribes are located here, numbering about twelve hundred souls. Here Friends began their first missionary work and have four Preparative Meetings. The Modoc Meeting is held in the Government Boarding School; here two meetings were held on First-day, when all the Indians on the reservation attended except the very aged and infirm. Several gave evidence of much spiritual life. It was indeed a touching sight to see those older members of the tribe, who had fought so untiringly for home and native land in the famous "Lava Beds," stand up and tell of the love of Jesus, and express their gratitude to Friends for their kindness to Frank Modoc. The day-school was taught by Ida Johnston, an Indian girl who graduated at Earlham College. John W. Hall has care of the Modoc Meeting and lives in a comfortable house owned by Friends.

One of the two Meeting-houses for the building of which assistance was given by New England Friends in 1883, is at the Seneca Nation. Within eight years a good Meeting has been gathered here from truly Pagan Indians. John and Lucy Winney are worthy Elders of this Meeting. They visit from house to house, inviting the heathen element of their tribe to come with them and learn the way to Christ. The other Meeting-house is built of logs and is near Irvin Long's, where a good-sized Meeting is gathered. A new Preparative Meeting at Blue Jacket, in Cherokee County, is formed partly by Friends who claim some Indian (Cherokee) ancestry, and partly by Shawnee Indians. Skiatook lies near the western boundary of the Cherokee Nation, twenty miles north of Tulsa, in the beautiful Bird Creek Valley. John F. Mardock and wife are doing good work here. They have a Meeting-house and dwelling-house of hewn logs, very small and inconvenient for the pressing needs. John F. Mardock has arranged to hold Meetings at three different places within a radius of fifteen miles, besides attending the home Meeting every First-day.

By a wise provision of Government, white people are not allowed to go into business for pecuniary profit in the Indian territory. It is necessary, therefore, that provision be made for the support of missionaries and their families.

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $3,500. We recommend that $525 be appropriated as our quota of this sum. We ask, also, that the treasury of our own Committee be replenished, not only by a collection to be raised in our Yearly Meeting, but also by efforts to be made in all our Monthly Meetings.

On behalf of the Committee,

MYRA E. FRYE, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1887.		Dr.		
Sixth Month	14th.	Balance of Cash on hand	$50 45	
Sixth	15th.	Amount collected at the Yearly Meeting, Portland	66 38	
Eighth	2d.	From Allen's Neck First-day School, by Susan T. Thompson	6 00	
Eighth	4th.	From Providence Bible School, by Robert P. Gifford	5 25	
Twelfth	24th.	From Sandwich Monthly Meeting, by Joseph Ewer	15 00	
1888.				
First	4th.	From Bolton Monthly Meeting, by Nathan Babcock	5 25	
First	9th.	From Providence Monthly Meeting, by Robert P. Gifford	16 00	
		Same, for Lizzie Test	5 00	
First	25th.	From Friends of Worcester Meeting, by Sarah J. Swift	56 00	
First	28th.	From Falmouth Monthly Meeting, by Mary E. Taylor	30 00	
Second	4th.	From Swansea Monthly Meeting, by Darius Buffinton	18 25	
Second	11th.	From Sandwich Monthly Meeting, N. H., by Elizabeth G. Meader	5 00	
Second	14th.	From Westport Monthly Meeting, by Mary S. Macomber	11 00	
Second	27th.	Weare Monthly Meeting, by Lindley H. Osborne	5 00	
Third		From Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, by Rachel Anthony	14 50	
Third	27th.	From New Bedford Monthly Meeting, by Anna G. Wood	27 50	
Fourth	1st.	Amesbury Monthly Meeting, by Sarah D. Brown	2 00	
Fourth	10th.	From Allen's Neck S. School, of Dartmouth, by Hannah A. Brightman	5 35	
Fourth	18th.	From Hopkinton Monthly Meeting, by Harriet D. Collins	12 09	
Fifth	10th.	From Salem Friends, by William O. Newhall	9 00	
Fifth	10th.	From Lynn First-day, by William O. Newhall	10 00	
Sixth	9th.	From Friends of Boston Monthly Meeting, by Martha Hoag	6 60	
				$381 62

1887.		Cr.		
Seventh Month	9th.	Paid on account of travelling expenses of one of Committee to Marion, Indiana	$75 00	
Tenth	29th.	Paid John M. Watson, for a school-house bell	10 00	
Twelfth	1st.	Paid Jeremiah Hubbard	25 00	
Twelfth	29th.	Paid John M. Watson, for the Skiatook Mission, one sewing machine	17 50	
		One clock	3 00	
		Carpenters' and shoemakers' tools, etc.	19 50	
1888.				
First	10th.	Paid Charles W. Kirk, for expenses on our tent	16 89	
Second	4th.	Paid John M. Watson, for tuition of Lucinda Jones at Hesper Academy, Kansas, and books for use at Blue Jacket	17 50	
Third		Paid on account of travelling expenses to Indianapolis and Indian Territory of one of our Committee	87 50	
Third	12th.	Paid E. W. Weesner, on account of Alaska Mission	25 00	
Fifth	3d.	Paid for school books by mail from Philadelphia for use of Mary Sherman	3 59	
Sixth	9th.	Paid Jeremiah Hubbard	10 00	
Sixth	9th.	Paid John Bishop	10 00	
Sixth	9th.	Paid John F. Mardock	30 00	
Sixth	9th.	Paid John M. Watson	10 00	
Sixth	9th.	Paid John W. Hall	10 00	
		Balance of cash	11 14	
				$381 62

ANTHONY M. KIMBER, *Treasurer.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 9th, 1888.

I have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and vouchers for the same.

JOHN J. FRYE.

The Report is very interesting and satisfactory to this Meeting. A nominating Committee was appointed to produce at a future sitting the names of suitable Friends to whom this important concern may be confided the ensuing year. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to raise subscriptions to aid the Committee in their labors as last year.

The sum of $210.38 was raised by voluntary contribution in this Meeting and directed to be placed in the hands of the Committee.

45. The Committee to promote the cause of Temperance presented their Annual Report, viz. : —

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We regret to report that a large number of our Committee have been unable to do much work in this department of Christian service the past year. But we are glad to note that throughout our membership there is an increased appreciation of the fact that prohibition, pure and simple, is the only policy which promises deliverance from the curse of intemperance; and that, understanding better the character of the power which does so much to destroy national peace and prosperity, we see more clearly what means we must employ for its overthrow.

It is difficult to report the special work done, since some of our best workers are but poor reporters. From accounts received, we extract the following:

At Boston a Young People's Temperance Union has lately been formed, in which much interest is manifest. At Mattapoisett the work among the young people has wonderfully increased and strengthened. Several of our Committee who are Superintendents of Bible Schools report good work done for the cause we represent, in their schools. A dear friend who, during the year, has distributed five hundred pages of literature, and induced thirty persons to sign the pledge, writes: "Last Summer I went through two Camp Grounds and nailed tracts to nearly all the trees on Seventh-day evening, so they might arrest the attention of the many who would come on First-day."

The Principal of Providence Boarding School "has talked temperance to the students, has lived it, and hired other people to lecture to the School on the subject." One worker, besides distributing a large quantity of temperance literature, has obtained ten lectures, and talks on the subject, and bought books to donate to Bible School Libraries, and to loan and circulate. This Friend also visited several schools in the interest of our work, and in each school offered prizes for the best essays on temperance that should be produced during the term. More than one hundred essays were written on this account, many of which were very meritorious.

To two of our Committee, the N. H. State Industrial School is open one First-day in each month; and here to an audience of one hundred boys and twenty-five girls, they teach and preach temperance, and distribute tracts and papers furnished by our Committee and the W. C. T. U.

No exact report of the number of meetings held or actively engaged in by the Committee during the year can be given, but we judge the number to be about seventy-five.

While these reports are very cheering, and we would gladly think only on these things, there is a black spot on our fair page to which we desire to call the attention of this Meeting. Reports having reached us that some members of our Yearly Meeting were addicted to the tobacco habit, the Committee, at their meeting held at Lynn, decided to send to all such a circular letter of kindly advice and warning. The letter was accordingly prepared, and one hundred copies printed. These one hundred copies have been mailed to members of our Society known to be in the habit of using tobacco, and we have six names left on our list. It is not necessary to comment upon this sad fact in our report, but we call upon every clean-handed, pure-hearted man and woman in New England Yearly Meeting to help us free our beloved Society from this evil.

At a meeting of the Temperance Committee, held in Lynn, Eighth Month last, it was decided to send delegates to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union Convention to be held in Nashville, Tenn., in Eleventh Month. Accordingly two of our sisters were appointed to carry greetings to that body, and also an expression of our deep appreciation of the work in which that noble band of Christian women are engaged. They report to us their conviction that nothing is doing more to cement North and South in a common bond of true brotherhood for the people's good, than that organization. They were also much encouraged by the fact that a department of Peace and Arbitration was added to the already existing departments of work. To this report it is pleasant to add that one of our own delegates was made National Superintendent of the new department.

We consider the distribution of literature a most fruitful source of good, and many of our members who cannot engage in any other temperance work, are active in circulating our cards, tracts and leaflets. The Superintendent of Literature submits the following report:

Number of orders for literature and cards	48
Number of pages of literature in these orders	42,000
Cards for schools and general distribution	1,900
Number of triple pledge cards	257
Song Books, "Ripples of Songs," (copies)	5
One Year's subscription for the *Voice* (copies)	1
One Year's subscription to *N. Y. W. Witness* (copies)	1
One Year's subscription to *Youth Temperance Stories* (copies) . .	50
Number pages Social Purity Literature	4,965
Number pages in books	1,350

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF JUVENILE WORK.

Many pledges this year, as in years past, have been circulated and signed, and much literature distributed. Letters of inquiry and encouragement have been written. Blanks for statistical reports have been sent to all the Superintendents of our Bible Schools. Thirty responded, and from these we learn that some new and thoroughly organized temperance work is being carried on within our limits. An advance seems to have been made the whole field over, not so much in the number of Bands as in the increased and more intelligent interest which seems to prevail among those who interest themselves in the young. There are about ten Bands within the limits of our Yearly Meeting. Besides these Temperance Bands, regular temperance teaching is given in more than sixteen of our Sabbath Schools. One very successful new Band has been started, and is prospering. A professional teacher writes us that every day in her class work she endeavors to teach some truths relating to temperance.

We earnestly desire that parents may see the importance of supporting the hands of those who are working in this field of labor.

We recommend that this work be continued under the care of a Committee, and that $200 be appropriated for its use.

ELLEN C. JONES, *Secretary.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 8th, 1888.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIVED.

From George Howland, Jr., Treasurer		$150 00

PAYMENTS.

Printing, stationery, postage and express	$ 20 69	
Expense of workers	50 00	
Tracts, books and cards	79 31	
		$150 00

EZRA HAWKES, *Treasurer.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 9th, 1888.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting; and Friends are encouraged to make use of all proper means, not only to reclaim those who are intemperate and promote the education of all classes upon the evil effects of intoxicants, but to use their influence for the enforcement of existing Temperance and Prohibitory laws, and to the enactment of laws by which the traffic may be wholly suppressed. The same Committee is continued for service another year, with the addition of Charles H. Thorndike and Jennie Allyne.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Organization.

CHARLES H. THORNDIKE, *Chairman.*
ELLEN C. JONES, *Secretary.*

Ezra Hawkes, *Treasurer.*
Jennie Allyne, *Superintendent of Juvenile Work.*
John F. Chase, *Superintendent of Literature.*

Rhode Island.

Charles A. Chace, Fall River, Mass.
*John S. Kimber, Newport, R. I.
Annie P. Carr, Newport, R. I.
†Mary W. Macomber, Portsmouth, R. I.
William Jacob, Newport, R. I.
Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.

Salem.

*John F. Chase, Manchester, N. H.
Mary A. Chase, Manchester, N. H.
Elizabeth T. Larkin, Box 4, Peabody, Mass.
†George L. Crosman, Lynn, Mass.
William Wood, 9 Berkley St., Lawrence, Mass.
Albert N. Peaslee, 184 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
J. Warren Huntington, Amesbury, Mass.
Charles H. Thorndike, Concord, N. H.

Sandwich.

Joshua L. Macomber, Mattapoisett, Mass.
Hannah R. Gifford, Westport, Mass.
Henry A. Slocum, New Bedford, Mass.
†Elizabeth C. Murray, New Bedford, Mass.

Falmouth.

†Charles W. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.
*Augustus F. Cox, Portland, Me.
*Ezra Hawkes, Portland, Me.
Alice W. Hawkes, Portland, Me.
*Ellen C. Jones, 31½ Exchange St., Portland, Me.
Edward S. Hacker, Brunswick, Me.

Smithfield.

†Abigail Wheeler, Northbridge, Mass.
†Adelaide Wheeler, Bolton, Mass.
Oscar J. Morse, Woonsocket, R. I.
Arthur H. Swift, 16 Channing St., Worcester, Mass.
*Jennie Allyne, 66 Warrington St., Boston.

*Executive Committee.

†Assistants in Juvenile Work.

Vassalboro.

Frank E. Jones, South China, Me.
*Ruthanna H. Nichols. East Vassalboro, Me.
*Elizabeth K. Jones, South China, Me.
†Emily S. Weeks, Vassalboro, Me.
George W. Varney, Unity, Me.

Dover.

Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Catherine F. Hanson, Rochester, N. H.
†William T. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
Joseph J. Cartland, North Sandwich, N. H.

Fairfield.

Harriet N. Jones, East Winthrop, Me.
Mary Elma Richardson, North Fairfield, Me.
†Hepsie S. Hoxie, West Sidney, Me.
*Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me.

*Executive Committee. †Assistants in Juvenile Work.

46. Upon the recommendation of the Committee on New Business, the following petition to the Congress of the United States has been adopted by this Meeting and directed to be signed by our Clerks and forwarded to the Senate and House of Representatives, viz. : —

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES :

Your memorialists, the Religious Society of Friends of New England, at their Yearly Meeting held at Newport, R. I., Sixth Month, 1888, respectfully ask your attention to the destructive results of the introduction of intoxicating liquors among the inhabitants of the west coast of Africa, and especially in the Free State of Congo.

A large amount of these liquors is exported from the United States, and while the Christian people of this country of nearly all denominations are engaged in earnest efforts to civilize and Christianize these untutored peoples, they find their best endeavors hindered and oft times defeated by the demoralizing influences of strong drink, which stands as a fearful barrier to all temporal, moral and spiritual advancement.

The United States joined with other nations in the suppression of the slave trade, but with what benefit to the people of Africa if that trade is to be supplanted by an even deadlier traffic? These peoples are imploring the nations of Christendom to save them from the threatened destruction.

We do therefore earnestly ask you, in the exercise of the authority vested in you by the Constitution of the United States "to regulate commerce with foreign nations" [Art. 1., Sec. 8] that you will take prompt and effective measures to suppress the exportation of all intoxicating liquors to the continent of Africa, and to endeavor to secure the co-operation of other nations in this righteous act.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING, THE 13TH.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

47. The London General Printed Epistle, issued this year, was now received and read, to our edification, and in order that its contents may be circulated amongst our members and others, we direct that the Clerk cause an edition of 3000 copies to be printed and sent down to our several Quarterly Meetings, and draw upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for the expense incurred.

48. The Committee appointed for that purpose propose the following named Friends to constitute a Committee on Western Indians, which is approved by this and the Women's Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly, viz. :

NAMES OF INDIAN COMMITTEE.

JOHN J. FRYE, *Chairman.*
MYRA E. FRYE, *Secretary.*
ANTHONY M. KIMBER, *Treasurer.*

MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

William O. Newhall,
Anthony M. Kimber.

COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

William O. Newhall, Lynn, Mass.
Ellen K. Buffum, 87 Cook St., Providence, R. I.
Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.
John J. Frye, Woodfords, Me.
Myra E. Frye, Woodfords, Me.
Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Anthony M. Kimber, 75 Broadway, Newport, R. I.

Asa C. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Anna M. Gove, Seabrook, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Elwood G. Macomber, Portsmouth, R. I.
Abbie Gifford, Portsmouth, R. I.
Arthur W. Jones, South China, Maine.
Smith B. Steere, Burrillville, R. I.
Leslie Meader, Tamworth, N. H.
Joseph D. Wood, Boston, Mass.
Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
Sarah Osborne, Woonsocket, R. I.
Emily S. Weeks, Vassalboro, Maine.
Ella L. Andrews, Lincoln House, Lewiston, Me.
Maria Winslow, St. Albans, Me.
Mary D. Collins, Hopkinton, R. I.
Edward T. Tucker, M.D., New Bedford, Mass.

49. The Committee to whom was referred the Calendar made the following report, which was approved, viz: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALENDAR.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In regard to the Calendar, we recommend that it be left with a Committee of three to carefully revise and cause to be printed twelve hundred copies, to be distributed among our members, and that it be not printed again till the changes in our Meetings shall warrant it.

For the Committee,

DANIEL C. MAXFIELD,
ELLEN K. BUFFUM.

Newport, R. I., Sixth Month 12th, 1888.

Daniel C. Maxfield, Owen Dame and Ellen K. Buffum, were appointed a Committee to have charge of revising and printing the Calendar, with liberty to call on the Treasurer for the expense incurred.

50. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, viz: —

SUMMARY OF ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES FROM THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

Answer 1. — We are diligent in attending meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of our families, with little exception.

Ans. 2. — We are in unity one with another, and with the Meetings to which we belong, with a little exception reported from two Quarterly Meetings, and our labor together in gathering unto Christ is generally harmonious.

Ans. 3. — We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents, under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

MINUTE OF THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

The servant of the Lord should not be cumbered with service for Him in his blessed cause, but daily sitting at His feet the service will become increasingly under His divine control. The result of our fixed and earnest choice for "that good part" will be the abiding sense of privilege that should attend our work for our Divine Master.

To those who are thus in fellowship with His indwelling spirit, even though it bring upon us a measure of His sufferings for the body's sake, yet our testimony, both silent and spoken, will often be in the language, "I delight to do thy will, O my God."

The faith of our forefathers in the church included the power of victory over all sin, and we have part in that victory as in obedience to Christ we yield our hearts to the government of His will who "was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil."

We need to watch unto prayer, that we do not allow our life to fall below the standard of our profession. An overcoming faith seeks Christ through difficulties.

In our going forth to bear fruit for Him, we must be bold, yet meek, fearless, yet humble, exalting His name "as God also hath highly exalted him." In His exalted name and power alone can the disciple realize that "one shall chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight." Of deep interest to us are the teachings of our Lord and the apostles concerning the character of fruit expected of us in His service. Whatever may be our station in life, there are, within our reach, immortal souls to be blessed by our preaching through a Christ-like character.

To bring forth such fruit as "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance," is the service of a daily life hid with Christ in God and which will ever bring a blessing to our own souls and those around us.

A. H. JONES, *Clerk.*

The following constitutes the Yearly Meeting of New England on Ministry and Oversight, viz.:

	Ministers.	Elders.	Associate Members.
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting,	23	37	43
Salem " "	10	26	32
Sandwich " "	14	24	28
Falmouth " "	19	30	15
Smithfield " "	6	31	9
Vassalboro " "	21	32	20
Dover " "	7	18	10
Fairfield " "	12	38	22
Total,	112	236	179

Total membership of Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, 527.

51. The Representatives presented the following report, which was approved, viz: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

The several subjects from the Quarterly Meetings which were referred to the Representatives by the Yearly Meeting, have claimed our prayerful and deliberate consideration, and we would report our judgment thereon as follows, viz: —

First, That the proposition from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, asking for a change in the appointment of Elders for the term of three years instead of as present, they were united in judgment that the proposition should not be granted.

Second, That they were united in recommending to the Yearly Meeting that the request from Falmouth and Dover Quarterly Meetings, for a new Quarterly Meeting to be set up, and to be known as Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting, be granted.

On behalf of the Representatives,

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON, *Clerk.*

Newport, R. I., Sixth Month 13th, 1888.

We appoint Timothy B. Hussey, Jesse McPherson, Henry C. Aydelott, and William O. Newhall, a Committee to attend the opening of said Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting, and report next year, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a minute of their appointment.

52. The following times and places have been decided upon for the holding of Dover and Parsonsfield Quarterly Meetings, viz: —

Dover Quarterly Meeting to be held on Seventh-day after the first Fifth-day in the First Month, at North Berwick; and on Seventh-day following the third Fifth-day in the Fourth Month, at Dover; Eighth Month at North Berwick, and Tenth Month at Rochester, at 10.30 A.M. Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at 3.30 P.M. the day previous.

Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting to be held alternately at East Parsonsfield, Maine, and North Sandwich, New Hampshire. Commencing at East Parsonsfield on Seventh-day following the first Sixth-day, in the Ninth Month, and on Seventh-day following the second Fifth-day, in First Month; and at North Sandwich on Seventh-day following the first Sixth-day, in Eleventh Month, and on Seventh-day following the third Fifth-day, in Fifth Month, commencing at 10 o'clock A.M. Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at 2 o'clock P.M., the day previous.

On behalf of the Representatives of Dover and Falmouth Quarterly Meetings.

SILAS H. CARTLAND.

53. This and the Women's Meeting decide that the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Providence Boarding School Funds be and hereby is a member *ex-officio* of the Boarding School Committee.

54. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year, which is approved, and they are accordingly appointed, viz:

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

Samuel R. Buffinton,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Phebe S. Aydelott,
Benj. F. Knowles,
Wm. O. Newhall,
Daniel C. Maxfield,
Lydia C. Neal,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
George Howland, Jr.,
Joseph Ewer,
Ruth S. Murray,
Reuben T. Jones,
Henry F. Newell,
Lucy R. Goddard,
Myra E. Frye,
Richard Battey,
James O. Inman,
Mary A. Battey,
Saloma C. Wheeler,
Eli Jones,
Eliza P. Pierce,
Wm. A. Jones,
Josiah Holmes, Jr.,
Elizabeth K. Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Wm. P. Tuttle,
Anna M. Hussey,
Emeline H. Tuttle,
Levi Jones,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Mary C. Hawkes,
Charles A. Chace,
Augustine Jones,
Owen Dame,
Charles F. Coffin,
Augustus F. Cox,
John J. Frye,
Joseph Cartland,
Susan S. Tripp,
Susan Ann Gifford,
Susan F. Hoxie,
Olney T. Meader,
Peter M. Neal,
S. Jane Cox.

55. The Committee on Peace have presented their Annual Report, viz: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee on Peace have to report that but little has been done in the way of holding meetings for the public within our limits. Our work has been mostly confined to personal effort, and the circulation of Peace literature.

Two of our members attended the Peace Conference at Richmond, Ind., last Autumn, and one has been connected with the Peace Department of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

During the past year important movements have transpired. Two hundred and thirty-four members of the British Parliament have forwarded a memorial to the President of the United States, by the hand of Delegates from their number, asking the President and Congress, to aid in the ratification of a treaty between the two countries for the settlement of international disputes by arbitration, that peace may be secured in the future between this country and theirs.

A Bill has passed Congress, directing the President to invite to a Conference at Washington, the Governments of South America, Hayti and St. Domingo, for the purpose of forming closer connections in Postal and Commercial interests, and for the maintainence of peaceful relations between the respective Governments.

For the Committee,

ELI JONES.

Newport, R. I., Sixth Month 11th, 1888.

We are made sensible at this time, of the immense responsibility resting upon us, as a Society, in the cause of Peace. Because at no time in history, has such prosperity attended this work.

The two great English speaking nations seem to be approaching a condition of public sentiment, rendering the possibility of another war between these States highly improbable.

And such a consummation as a decree of perpetual peace between two of the most powerful nations, would make it the rule of the world.

It seems to be laid upon us now to do what we can to bring about this exact accomplishment, this crowning touch in this most excellent Christian undertaking.

And to this end we desire that our members everywhere may be active in holding Peace meetings, and in the distribution of Peace literature.

And we advise that they present not only the plain injunctions of Scripture against war, but also its utter unreasonableness and futility as a remedy, showing it in its true color as an unmixed and radical evil.

This quality of instruction will, we believe, be well received by our members and by the public, and will be highly beneficial to them and to the cause.

And we further advise that our members everywhere, as constantly as circumstances will admit, memorialize the Congress of the United States, and their State Legislatures upon this matter, by petitions numerously signed by our members and by other citizens, that public men may not overlook the merits of this cause, and may be fully alive to its paramount obligations.

The same Committee is continued for service another year.

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

Charles H. Jones,	Sarah J. Swift,
Benjamin F. Knowles,	Anna F. Hall,
Asa C. Tuttle,	H. Elizabeth Jones,
Samuel R. Buffinton,	Annie M. Ray,
Eli Jones,	Louisa P. Hoag.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON — The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

56. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South have presented their Annual Report, together with the Report of the condition of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn., made by its Superintendent, William P. Hastings. The Committee is continued with the substitution of Robert P. Gifford and Elizabeth A. Gifford of Providence, in place of Moses and Hannah B. Sawyer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Fall Term of the School at Maryville, opened Eighth Month 22d, 1887, and closed Twelfth Month 24th, with sixty-three students enrolled; fourteen of these were in the Normal Class pursuing studies to fit them for teaching or other useful occupations in life.

The Spring Term opened First Month 1st, 1888. During this month one hundred and eighteen students were enrolled. The School closed Fifth Month 17th, with one hundred and twenty-nine. During the year forty-six students were in the Normal Class. The aggregate number of weeks spent by these, in fitting themselves for teaching and other useful pursuits, was a little over nine hundred, equal to imparting instruction to about twenty-four for an entire school year of thirty-eight weeks. These students were assisted in meeting their expenses, to more than one thousand dollars from the income of the truly noble Fund created by our dear

Friend, George Sturge. The great usefulness of this Institution to the colored people, is seen in the large number of its former students who are engaged in imparting instruction to many of their own people, and others who have learned and are now pursuing various useful trades.

Two of the Committee visited the School last Fall, in company with another Friend who has had large experience as a teacher. One of the Committee spent the most of five or six weeks in the village, and it was evident from what we all witnessed that the School was managed by a system not only admirable in helping to keep good order, but equally useful in inducing the students to be interested in their studies, as was manifest when called to recite in their classes.

Two Ministering Friends felt it right to engage in religious service at the School, and in doing so more than usual interest was manifested among the students, as shown by about twenty-six making a public profession of their desire to live the life of a Christian.

To encourage the students to obtain useful knowledge and become fixed in principles of Peace and Temperance, three premiums were offered for essays on each of these subjects. These offers were accepted and nearly a dozen essays written and presented, and six prizes awarded, which we hope will not be to the students an unjustifiable stimulant. These two subjects, including other teachings of the New Testament, hold a prominent place in the instruction given to the students in the School. Very deficient must be that institution of learning that recognizes no duties higher than what belong to a secular education.

Again we are called upon to lament the passing away of another loved one, known to us by truly noble deeds. Our dear and much esteemed Friend, George Sturge, after spending a long life in helping to elevate the poor colored man, first to release him from the bondage of slavery, and later by giving large sums of money to help educate him, passed from this life to the next, after a few weeks of sickness, on the fourteenth of last Fourth Month, aged a little more than ninety years. May it not be well for us who remain to heed the teaching, "Work while it is to-day."

The claim of the daughter of Dr. Price, of whom the School property was bought, and which for a year or two had been in litigation, was settled last Fall, in a Court to which it had been appealed, confirming the title of this Meeting, and the lawyers' bill has been paid, as will appear in the account below.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

To balance from last year's account	$305 23	
Interest on account up to Tenth Month 31st, 1887, etc.	2 37	
Appropriation	750 00	
Interest on Henry Camp investment	70 00	
Other sources	453 00	
Interest on account up to Fifth Month 1st, 1888	1 65	
		$1,582 25

EXPENDITURES.

For tuition	$915 81	
Taylor & Hood, legal service as per bill	150 00	
Painting roofs and setting glass, as per bill	51 03	
Shingles, as per bill	34 05	
Laying shingles, and other work, as per bill	21 00	
Lumber for 480 feet of fence, and making, as per bill	25 96	
Material for other repairs, as per bill	21 73	
James A. Green & Co., bill	47 88	
Plastering, and repairing chairs	16 00	
Balance to new account	298 79	
		$1,582 25

All of which the Committee submit, hoping the Meeting will see its way clear to appropriate $600. We hope with this help to make the School useful to the colored people, as heretofore.

For the Committee,

B. F. KNOWLES.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 9th, 1888.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREEDMEN'S NORMAL INSTITUTE, MARYVILLE, TENN., FROM EIGHTH MONTH 22ND, 1887, TO FIFTH MONTH 17TH, 1888.

Number of days taught	179
Number enrolled	129
Number daily averaged	67⅓
Number days present	12.050
Number days absent	1.409
Per cent. of attendance	89½
Number of teachers in Training Class	68
Number teaching in different States (estimated)	140
Number taught by former students (estimated)	7.000
Number of self-boarders in building	47
Number reading from books	129
Number in primary class	4
Written spelling	129
Arithmetic	129
English grammar	90
Geography	86
English composition	86
United States history	84
Geology of Tennessee	19
Latin	7
Roman history	1

Number in Physiology	30
Moral philosophy	1
Algebra	5
Geometry	1
Book-keeping	2
Government class book	1
English literature	18

The advancement of the students in the branches pursued this year has been very satisfactory, especially on account of the thoroughness of the work done. It has been the aim heretofore to require completeness in the student's work, but a slight improvement in class discipline rendered it possible, this year, to accomplish more in this direction than usual.

Greater interest than heretofore has been manifested in the cause of Peace, as well as in the cause of Temperance. It is confidently believed that the teachers under training will disseminate these principles of the Gospel wherever they may go, as many have heretofore done.

A series of meetings during Third Month resulted in a profession of conversion by twenty-six persons. Besides these a number of others professed to have been much strengthened and encouraged.

The Sabbath School and the regular stated meetings have been continued as heretofore, one meeting being held on the First-day of the week and one on Fourth-day.

The usual custom of daily devotional exercises has been kept up, by reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures, with prayer, at the opening of School in the morning, and the reading in the evening of another portion, with prayer, followed by repeating texts from the Bible by the students, and such other religious exercises as they might engage in from time to time. In these voluntary exercises the interest has not flagged during the year.

In submitting this Report we feel that we can leave the great cause — the elevation and fitting for citizenship of a down-trodden race — in the hands of Him who "doeth all things well," with the prayer that His servants may not become "weary in well-doing."

WM. P. HASTINGS, *Principal.*

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Benjamin F. Knowles, Robert P. Gifford,
Charles F. Coffin, Gertrude W. Cartland,
Joseph E. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey,
Elizabeth A. Gifford.

57. The Trustees of the George Sturge Fund presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and is as follows, viz.: —

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE STURGE FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The investment and safe keeping of the Fund remain the same as last year, as does the Henry Camp Fund.

Forty-six students were admitted to the Normal Class during the year, where they received instruction to fit them for teaching or other useful pursuits in life. They were helped from one dollar to one dollar and a quarter a week from the Fund, and owing to the unexpected small number thus helped, the balance carried to new account is unusually large.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

To balance from last year	$ 871 23	
Coupons paid Seventh Month, 1887	727 50	
Coupons paid First Month, 1888	727 50	
Interest on account up to Fifth Month, 1888	45 45	
		$2,371 68

EXPENDITURES.

For assistance to forty-six students	$1,039 20	
Other expenses as per bill, etc.	16 25	
Balance carried to new account	1,316 23	
		$2,371 68

For the Trustees.

B. F. KNOWLES.

Newport, R. I., Sixth Month 9th, 1888.

58. The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools has now been read, and is as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We think that the work of the Bible Schools is advancing steadily, if not rapidly, and that its importance is felt more and more; still, much remains to be done to perfect our Schools.

We are glad to note an increased interest in memorizing the Scriptures, and an improvement in methods and in spiritual teaching, but we regret that some of our Schools are using lesson-helps that are not prepared by Friends.

An article was prepared as a supplement to the lesson for Fifth Month 13th, on "Christ's last Passover," and was sent to all our Schools.

A book entitled "Working for the Children" has been sent to the Superintendent of each School, hoping that it might prove useful.

George A. Barton, Principal of the Home Study Bible School, has presented to our Committee, the following report of its work:

"The work of the Home Study Bible School has steadily progressed during the year, and the Lord's blessing has rested upon it.

The students now enrolled on our books are as follows:

New Testament course	98
Old Testament course A	1
Old Testament course B	2
Church history course	7
Greek Testament course	1
Elementary Hebrew course	2

During the year two students have been graduated from the New Testament course.

Of the entire number of students mentioned above, five are within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting, two in Canada, three in Philadelphia, and the remainder within our own Yearly Meeting.

The assistants during the past year have been Thomas J. Battey, Rufus M. Jones and Charles H. Atkins, to whom the thanks of the School are due for the willing help they have rendered."

It is a pleasure to report that for the first time in the history of the Yearly Meeting, there is held in each Quarterly Meeting a Bible School Conference, Fairfield Quarterly Meeting having renewed its organization within the past year.

A General Conference on Bible School work was held at Winthrop, Ninth Month 7th, 1887. This Conference was largely attended and we think was interesting and profitable. We wish to acknowledge the efficient help of Jesse McPherson, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Henry Aydelott, and others, also the cordial welcome and liberal entertainment given us by the Friends of Winthrop. The time was found too limited to secure the best results. We would suggest that in the future the Conference be not held in very close connection with any other Meeting, and that it continue two days.

We recommend this important subject of Bible work to the prayerful consideration of the Yearly Meeting, and that a Committee be appointed to carry on the work, and that a sum should be appropriated to aid this cause for the ensuing year.

ANNA J. GODDARD, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

1887.	RECEIPTS.		
Sixth Month 16th.	From collection taken at Portland,	$28 30	
Twelfth 24th.	From George Howland, Jr., Treas.	50 00	
Fifth Month, 1888.	From George Howland, Jr., Treas.	50 00	
			$128 30

1887.	PAYMENTS.		
Eighth Month 10th.	Paid W. Kellaway, printing on acct. of General Conference . .	$21 00	
Ninth 5th.	Paid Travelling expenses of speakers at Conference	24 00	
Tenth 3d.	C. W. Goddard for merchandise in Schools and Conference . . .	10 00	
Eleventh 8th.	Willard Tract Society for literature	18 00	
Twelfth 19th.	Pub. Association of Friends . . .	12 16	
Twelfth 24th	Geo. A. Barton, printing for Home Study Bible School	7 00	
1888.			
Sixth 5th.	Geo. C. Herbert, printing Supplemental Lesson Sheet	7 00	
Sixth 5th.	C. W. Goddard, Chairman's expense account	6 66	
Sixth 5th.	Anna J. Goddard, Secretary's expense account	6 47	
Sixth 9th.	S. C. Wheeler, to assist in Quarterly Conference	6 00	
Sixth 9th.	Arthur W. Jones, to assist in Quarterly Conference	4 00	
			$122 29
	Balance on hand		6 01
	Total,		$128 30

OLNEY T. MEADER, *Treasurer.*

STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Number of Schools.	Membership.	Average attendance.	Number of Friends.
Rhode Island	8	557	431	231
Salem	11	573	360	304
Sandwich	12	640	424	172
Falmouth	10	440	259	261
Smithfield	7	273	182	125
Vassalboro	8	312	213	158
Dover	4	108	68	80
Fairfield	5	280	188	138
Total	65	3183	2125	1469

The Report is satisfactory, and we appoint a Nominating Committee to report the names of Friends to serve as a Bible School Committee.

59. The Committee under appointment in reference to the few members of our Society, now or formerly residing in the British Provinces, made the following Report, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS FROM THE BRITISH PROVINCES.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee have endeavored to faithfully discharge the duties of their appointment, and in so doing the object of our care has been made comfortable, notwithstanding his great age.

We recommend the continued care of this Meeting with an appropriation of $100.

For the Committee,
B. F. KNOWLES.

Newport, Sixth Month 9th, 1888.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee is continued for service another year, with the substitution of William H. Beale instead of George Richardson, and the addition of Alfred H. Jones.

COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS FROM BRITISH PROVINCES.

Benjamin F. Knowles,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Alfred H. Jones,
Thomas B. Nichols,
Rachel B. Nichols,
Wm. H. Beale.

60. The Representatives to whom was referred the proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting, made a report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, Women Friends concurring, and the change is accordingly made. The Report is as follows, viz: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

In relation to the request from Salem Quarterly Meeting in reference to United Meetings, the Representatives were united in recommending the following change in the wording of the Discipline relating to said Meetings, as adopted by the Yearly Meeting in the year 1884, by substituting for the second and third paragraphs of said Amended Articles relating thereto, the following, viz.:

Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings may be held either occasionally or continuously, as United Meetings of Men and Women Friends whenever in the judgment of said Meetings it is desirable to do so.

When either a Quarterly or Monthly Meeting shall be held as a United Meeting, there shall be one Clerk and one Assistant Clerk for said Meeting, who shall have been appointed annually as Clerks of separate or United Meetings, and at the time of such appointment one of them shall be designated, without regard to sex, as Clerk of United Meetings, and the other as Assistant Clerk. When the Superior Meeting is held in separate sessions, separate reports, with names of the Representatives to their respective Meetings, shall be signed and forwarded thereto by the Clerks of said United Meeting.

On behalf of the Representatives,

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON, *Clerk.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 13th, 1888.

61. The Committee appointed to nominate a Bible School Committee, report as follows, viz.: —

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

RUTH S. MURRAY, *Chairman*, New Bedford, Mass.
OLNEY T. MEADER, *Treasurer*, 355 Dudley St., Boston, Mass.
SARAH H. TABER, *Secretary*, New Bedford, Mass.

Executive Committee.

Thomas J. Battey, Providence, R. I.
George R. Wood, New Bedford, Mass.
Gulielma C. Wood, 20 Wyoming St., Boston, Mass.
C. Irving Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Sarah Marble, Woonsocket, R. I.
Charles W. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.
Charles H. Atkins, Lynn, Mass.
Arthur W. Jones, Vassalboro, Me.

Harriet D. Collins, Hopkinton, R. I.
Tacie P. Hawkes, Jr., 12 Tremont St., Lynn, Mass.
J. Warren Huntington, Amesbury, Mass.
Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.
George B. Wing, North Fairfield, Me.
Linwood W. Jones, South China, Maine.
John S. Kimber, Newport, R. I.
Alfred W. Hawkes, Manchester, Me.
Charles E. Peaslee, Pittsfield, N. H.
Edward Wing, Oakland, Me.
Alice L. Dow, Bolton, Mass.
Oscar J. Morse, Woonsocket, R. I.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

FIFTH-DAY MORNING, THE 14TH.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

62. The Committee on Finance report as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

We recommend that there be appropriated from the Treasury the sums named below, viz: —

For the Associated Executive Committee on Indian affairs	$525 00
Bible Schools	100 00
Education	100 00
Foreign Missions	750 00
Freedmen	600 00
Gospel Work	300 00
Peace	25 00
Temperance	200 00
Aid to a Friend from the British Provinces	100 00
	$2,700 00

For the Committee on Finance,

OWEN DAME.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 13th, 1888.

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Rhode Island. — Samuel R. Buffinton.
Salem. — Owen Dame.
Sandwich. — George Howland, Jr.
Falmouth. — Augustus F. Cox.
Smithfield. — Richard Battey.
Vassalboro. — William A. Jones.
Dover. — Timothy B. Hussey.
Fairfield. — Levi Jones.

63. The Clerk is authorized to sign, on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend James M. Haviland, viz.: — "James M. Haviland, acceptably attended this Meeting," and similar ones for Hannah H. Leggett, S. Adelbert Wood, Samuel Miles, Richard H. Thomas, Mary S. Thomas, Rufus P. King, Ellison R. Purdy, David E. Sampson, John Carey, William P. Pinkham, Annie K. Knight, Evi Sharpless, Jesse W. Wilmore and Zaccheus H. Powell.

64. The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend, Thomas H. Leggett, viz.: — "Thomas H. Leggett attended this Meeting. His company has been acceptable to us," and similar ones for Ella Wood, Phebe A. Miles, Emma Sampson, an Elder, Amelia F. Purdy, and Mary F. Powell.

65. Epistles to London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings have been read and approved; the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

66. The Committee upon New Business present the following request, viz.: —

> "Friends of Newport Preparative Meeting request of the Yearly Meeting that they may be permitted the use of the south part of the Meeting-house when it seems desirable, that part of the house being Yearly Meeting property.
>
> MARY ALICE GIFFORD,
> WILLIAM JACOB."
>
> NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 13th, 1888.

The request is granted.

67. The Committee upon New Business also presented the following request, viz.: —

> "It is proposed that a joint Committee be appointed to visit and advise with Subordinate Meetings, as way may open, more particularly to render assistance in the correct observance of Discipline."

which is referred to the Representative Meeting, for its consideration, and such action taken thereon as may seem desirable.

68. We appoint the following Committee to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, which now are or may then be under appointment, viz.: —

Samuel R. Buffinton,	Ezra Hawkes,
Levi Jones,	Charles M. Jones,
Eli Jones,	Myra E. Frye,
Thomas Wood,	Sarah J. Swift,
Augustus F. Cox,	Sarah D. Brown,
Robert P. Gifford,	Huldah H. Leighton.

69. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed; and the clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand two hundred copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

70. The Representatives to whom was referred a new apportionment of Yearly Meeting Stock, report as follows, viz.: —

The Representatives have conferred together and are united in recommending that each Quarterly Meeting's proportion of stock to be raised the ensuing year be as follows, viz.:

Rhode Island	23 per cent.
Salem	17
Sandwich	30
Falmouth	5
Smithfield	5
Vassalboro	5
Dover	3½
Fairfield	10
Parsonsfield	1½
	100

On behalf of the Representatives,

DANIEL C. MAXFIELD.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 13th, 1888.

71. As life was spared, health given, and privilege afforded, we gathered in this another Yearly Meeting, for the purpose of worshipping our Father Almighty, for the transaction of the varied affairs of the Church, for the building up, one of another in the most holy faith, and for the purpose of gathering souls to Christ our ever living Head.

We can now acknowledge with feelings of gratitude and thankfulness, as we have concluded our business in much harmony, love and unity, that the felt presence of the Lord has been with us from sitting to sitting, enabling us, afresh to realize, the fulfillment of His precious promise, "Lo, I am with you alway."

We now conclude, proposing to meet again in Portland, Maine, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

NOTE. — The Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting are: —
GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., New Bedford, Mass.
JOSEPH CARTLAND, Newburyport, Mass.

MINUTES

OF THE

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1888.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Newport, on Rhode Island, commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 8th, 1888.

By accounts received from all our Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.: —

From Rhode Island. — Phebe R. Gifford, Ellen K. Buffum, Sarah J. Hanson, Rachel Anthony, Sarah F. Tobey, Lydia Macomber, Elizabeth S. Newton, Electa J. Collins, Rachel P. Chace, Mary E. Kenyon and Elizabeth N. Perry.

From Salem. — Lydia C. Neal, Alice W. Maxfield, Mary A. Chase, Sarah V. Purinton, Mary B. Swan, Mary J. Rogers, Ellen M. Osborne, Lavina G. Huntington, Susan H. Meader, Huldah G. Buxton, Mary Jane Buxton and Annie M. Ray.

From Sandwich. — Susan M. Seabury, Mary C. Baylies, Elizabeth C. Wing, Hannah R. Gifford, Rebecca S. Howland, Esther D. Macomber, Anna G. Wood, Mary Jane Gifford, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Susan B. Kirby and Rachel S. Howland.

From Falmouth. — Myra E. Frye, S. Jane Cox, Lucy R. Goddard, Huldah H. Leighton, Alice W. Hawkes, Mary H. Robinson, Esther Jones and Emma M. Newell.

From Smithfield. — Phebe A. Marble, Mary A. Battey, Abigail Wheeler, Susan Ann Gifford, Melissa Clark, Susan E. Wheeler and Salome C. Wheeler.

From Vassalboro. — Peace Jones, Mary R. Jones, Elizabeth K. Jones, Elizabeth Roberts, Letitia O. Whitehouse and Eliza P. Pierce.

From Dover. — Jane H. V. Durgin, Lydia E. Sawyer, Almira B. Buffum, Anna M. Hussey, Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Emeline H. Tuttle, Mary Bangs, Lydia E. Jenkins, Mercy Jenness and Hannah W. Meader.

From Fairfield. — Hannah J. Bailey, Sarah S. Hawkes, Emma S. Briggs, Harriet Philbric and Mary C. Hawkes.

Whose names being called, they were present, except thirteen, for the absence of nine of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

We have received Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, and have read those addressed to us by our dear sisters of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore and North Carolina, to our comfort and edification. We defer the reading of the remainder to a future sitting. We appoint eight Friends, one from each Quarterly Meeting, to nominate a Committee on Correspondence, and report to a subsequent meeting.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends, James M. Haviland, Hannah H. Leggett, Samuel Miles and S. Adelbert Wood, from New York Yearly Meeting; Richard H. Thomas and Mary Snowden Thomas, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting; Rufus P. King, David E. Sampson and Ellison R. Purdy, from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Annie K. Knight, John Carey and William P. Pinkham, from Indiana Yearly Meeting; Evi Sharpless, from Iowa Yearly Meeting; Zaccheus H. Powell and Jesse W. Wilmore, from Kansas Yearly Meeting; who have presented satisfactory Minutes from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

We have also the acceptable company of Ella Wood, Phebe A. Miles, Emma Sampson, an Elder, Amelia F. Purdy and Mary F. Powell, all companions to their husbands mentioned above, and Thomas H. Leggett, a member from New York Yearly Meeting, with satisfactory Minutes from their friends at home.

A cordial welcome is extended to all who are present with us.

We appoint the following named Friends to act in conjunction with Men Friends, to prepare and produce to a future sitting returning Minutes, as way may open, for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings, with Minutes addressed to this Meeting, viz.: — Gertrude W. Cartland, Esther Chace, Mary Haffard, Anna M. Hussey and Lydia Haight.

The Representatives were requested to meet at the rise of this Meeting, and propose to our Afternoon Session, the name of a Friend for Clerk, and also the names of two for Assistant Clerks of this Meeting.

We have at this sitting been favored by our blessed Master with a sweet manifestation of His presence, and earnest prayers have arisen for His blessing, while the desire of many hearts has been that there might be such an entire consecration to His service that He might lead us to His glory.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. — Met pursuant to adjournment.

Ellen K. Buffum, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting, that they were united in proposing Anna G. Wood for Clerk, Ruth S. Murray for Assistant Clerk, and Alice W. Maxfield as Reader, which nominations being united with, they were appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

A Minute signed by the Elders of Western Springs Monthly Meeting, on behalf of our friend Esther Tuttle Pritchard, a Minister in unity amongst them, has been read at this time. Her company is acceptable to us.

Epistles from our dear sisters of Canada, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Western and Kansas, were now read. As they have passed in review before us, they have suggested helpful thoughts, and their loving spirit has tended to strengthen the bond of union between us as members of one family.

The accounts from the Quarterly Meetings report changes which have occurred within our limits during the past year. [*See* pp. 5–7.]

"The memory of the just is blessed." This record of the decease of so many of our dear friends with whom we have so lovingly mingled in past years, has touched our hearts, and incited us to greater diligence and faithfulness in occupying the gifts entrusted to our care, that we, too, may be prepared when our work on earth shall be accomplished, to enter into the Heavenly rest.

The following named friends are appointed to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, viz. : — Elizabeth A. Gifford, Esther Jones, Rebecca Anthony, Mary C. Hawkes, Lucy R. Goddard and Mary C. Baylies.

The names of the following Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence have been presented by the Committee to whom the subject was referred, and being approved by the Meeting, they are appointed to that service, viz. : —

Lydia C. Neal,
Elizabeth K. Jones,
Eliza P. Pierce,
Salome C. Wheeler,
Melissa Clark,
Narcissa Jacob,
Louisa W. Meader,
Sarah D. Brown,
Esther Jones,
Myra E. Frye,
Rachel S. Howland,
Maria Winslow,
Emeline H. Tuttle,
Anna M. Hussey,
Lydia E. Jenkins,
Jennie Allyne,
Lydia E. Sawyer,
Alice W. Maxfield,
Martha Hoag,
Clara B. Crosman,
Lina Lunt,
Tacy P. Hawkes,
Elizabeth C. Murray,
Eloise A. Haffard,
Sarah Caroline Tobey,
Mary Almy Chase,
Almira B. Buffum,
Sarah H. Taber,
Sarah Jane Swift,
Phebe M. Wadsworth,
Susan Ann Gifford,
Sarah Elizabeth Wright.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Seventh-day. — Met in joint session. [*See* p. 10.]

Third-day Morning the 12th. — Met near 10 o'clock, according to adjournment.

The consideration of the State of Society as presented to us by a summary of the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings was now entered upon. The summary was as follows : —

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

Answer 1. — All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, with the following exceptions: In four Quarterly Meetings, fifteen meetings have been omitted, on account of sickness, inclement weather, and impassable roads. Two others report the omission of a few small meetings; and no Mid-week Meetings have been held on the Island of Nantucket the past year. Those on First-day Morning are well attended. Much deficiency exists in the attendance of Mid-week Meetings, except in one Meeting where an increased attendance, especially by the younger members, is reported. The hour mostly observed.

Ans. 2. — Love and unity are maintained with few exceptions. Detraction mostly guarded against. Care is taken to end differences where they occur.

Ans. 3. — Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and endeavor to train their children, and those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

Ans. 4. — With few exceptions, Friends read the Holy Scriptures individually and collectively in their families, encouraging those under their care, in this religious duty. Not entirely clear in our testimony to a free Gospel ministry.

Ans. 5. — Clear in regard to intoxicants. Generally careful in the other requisitions of this query.

Ans. 6. — Care is taken in the several particulars of this query.

Ans. 7. — Clear in these respects.

Ans. 8. — Our testimonies are generally maintained as queried after.

Ans. 9. — Not quite clear as to recording. Some removals without certificates.

Ans. 10. — The Discipline is administered in Christian tenderness and impartially, though not always as timely as would be best.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

We have been reminded of the privileges which the Gospel brings to us as women, and were exhorted never to surrender that position. Upon women, equally with men, was the Spirit to be poured, and unto both may the command be given, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." Remembering that preaching means message bearing, why should any shrink from taking from the Lord, the message prepared for some one, and intrusted to us to deliver.

A caution was given, not to let any outward work for the amelioration of humanity lead us away from the work of the Lord, in the ministry of the word. In the providence of our God, we have been placed in a Church where there is liberty; let us use it as to the Lord.

We are in some degree responsible for our Meetings by the spirit in which we go to them. If our religious life be cold and dull, we cannot expect to raise the spiritual atmosphere of these gatherings. But if in an earnest prayerful spirit, we assemble together, our hearts warmed by the love of God, there will be that united exercise for souls, which will enable us to hold our Meetings in the power of God. The power of a consecrated life will be felt, not only in the profession of the lips, but in our daily actions and words. In our language, in the books that we read, and in the routine duties of our home lives, we need to show, that our desire is to walk with God.

Our younger sisters were exhorted to remember the necessity for each one to develop to the fullest extent the talents bestowed upon them. Those who are advanced in years must often regret the lost opportunities of their lives; but before the young is spread out the great pattern, into which, day by day, they may fill in the warp of the love of Jesus, and the woof of service for Him. Whenever He calls for labor, He will always give ability to perform it, and His trusting child, however young, may walk with Him in a strength not her own. As the flying moments are improved, there will be a healthy growth mentally, spiritually and physically, and the life will become perfect and complete in all the will of God.

The kind of books we read may have a great influence upon us, and our dear young Friends were lovingly advised to read none but such as would build up character. Not only is time wasted in perusing trifling literature, but the powers of the mind are weakened, and the capabilities of the life, dwarfed.

Mothers were exhorted to be careful lest they load themselves with so many cares, that they cannot maintain an influence over their children. If simplicity is maintained in the household, and in the dress of the children, time may be found for the cultivation of those mental powers, which will enable the mother to be not only the caretaker, but also the intelligent companion of her children.

Teach the little ones implicit obedience, that so they may be prepared for obedience to their Heavenly Father. While no parent can convert a child, it is possible to render the future surrender to the will of God more simple and natural, as the lesson of obedience to duty is lovingly taught. But above all, as the mother tells of the love of Jesus, as she kneels with her children and seeks His blessing, impressions are formed which will never be wholly lost.

The statistical account received from our Quarterly Meetings, compiled from the Reports therefrom, has been read. [*See* pp. 8, 9.]

One of the Committee appointed to consider new business, having been called away by a death in the family, we unite with our Men Friends in appointing Owen Dame to that service.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 o'clock this afternoon. [*See* p. 48.]

FOURTH-DAY MORNING THE 13TH. — Met in separate session according to adjournment.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society have presented their Fourth Annual Report, viz.: —

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:

We present the fourth Annual Report of our Women's Foreign Missionary Society with feelings of thankfulness to our Father in Heaven for the sustained interest and unabated zeal which have characterized the work during the past year.

We have reports from twenty-seven auxiliaries, with a membership of five hundred and twenty-six, a Sybil Jones Band, consisting of girls from fourteen to eighteen years, and one Juvenile Band. About two hundred copies of the Missionary Advocate are taken. We hold this to be an invaluable aid to the work, and the instructive and carefully prepared articles are highly prized by its readers.

Assistance has been given to Brumana Mission in Syria; Eli and Sybil Jones Mission at Ramallah, Kickapoo and Iowa and other Indian Missions, Japan, Jamaica, Alaska and Mexico.

Rhode Island. — Sarah Caroline Tobey, Vice President; six auxiliaries; one hundred and sixteen members. Although the membership roll does not number quite as many as last year, the interest of the present workers is not abated. The amount of money raised somewhat exceeds that of last year, and help has been sent to a larger number of mission fields than formerly. Our members have been most interested in the Syrian and the Kickapoo and Iowa Missions, while other Indian Missions, Mexico and Alaska have been materially helped.

Salem. — Anna M. Gove, Vice President; four auxiliaries; one hundred and fifteen members. Our meetings have been held regularly through the year. Their social and literary features have served to increase the missionary sentiment and have secured for us substantial pecuniary aid. Three interesting and instructive lectures on missionary topics have been given before two auxiliaries, which, though not yielding a large return financially, have incited the members to renewed earnestness and effort. All the auxiliaries use the Uniform Lessons and esteem them as a valuable aid in the meetings. Accounts from the little "Cuca," whose education they are still paying for, encourage them to believe that she will grow up into a noble Christian woman.

Sandwich. — Mary Jane Gifford, Vice President; four auxiliaries; sixty-nine members. The work in this Quarterly Meeting has been faithfully maintained the past year, although sometimes in the face of discouragement. The mission among the Indians has most largely engaged our interest, and some help has been given to Jamaica. The scope of the work is not extensive, but the members are all interested and earnestly striving to do what lies within their power, trusting that the Lord will bless and multiply the little and bring a reflex blessing upon the workers in added efficiency and fruitfulness.

Falmouth. — Myra E. Fyre, Vice President; three auxiliaries are reported besides the Sybil Jones Junior Band. With one exception, meetings have been held every month. Some of them have been addressed by missionaries filled with holy zeal. One auxiliary has started a circulating library with the hope of increasing the interest in the work. Throughout our limits is felt the pressing need for more helpers in this great work; and we would unitedly pray to the Lord of the Harvest that they may be sent forth. Some are heeding the call of the Master, and working with increased diligence, believing that the world's need can alone be met and its darkness be dispelled by Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

Smithfield. — Salome C. Wheeler, Vice President; two auxiliaries, with thirty-five members are reported, beside a Juvenile Band which has been organized during the past year and now numbers eighteen members. Meetings are held semi-monthly, and while the girls are engaged in making useful articles, the boys entertain the company with information of the condition and needs of foreign lands. The work in one auxiliary has been hindered because of the preference of many Friends for Home Missions to the exclusion of Foreign. In order to awaken a general interest in our Foreign Missions, a lecture has been given on Palestine and the condition of its inhabitants, and we hope to see fruits from this and other work the coming year.

Vassalboro. — Ruthanna H. Nichols, Vice President; two auxiliaries report twenty-nine members. Help has been extended to Jamaica, to our Indian department, and to Ramallah. Meetings have been held as regularly as weather and travelling would permit. A sewing society has been formed and their articles have found a ready sale. Much Home Missionary Work has been done by both auxiliaries. While we regret that so little has been accomplished, we trust that a blessing will rest upon the work done for the love of Christ and in His name.

Dover. — Anna M. Hussey, Vice President; three auxiliaries with thirty-one members are reported as representing the three Monthly Meetings of this Quarterly Meeting. A deepening missionary interest in the workers is also reported. During the past year, aid has been given to the work in Palestine, to the Kickapoo and Iowa Mission, and to the Sea Side Mission in Jamaica, taught by Elizabeth Dillon. Letters from workers in the Indian department have been read with interest, in the meetings. In one auxiliary, sickness, unfavorable weather and bad travelling have prevented the members from holding their meetings, but they have done what they could and their prayerful interest has been a strength to those more actively engaged. Another auxiliary reports regular meetings well attended, and made profitable and attractive by needle work, knitting and the reading of letters and missionary articles, together with exercises based on the Uniform Lessons in the Advocate. These lessons have been very helpful and suggestive and are highly prized. Twenty-four copies of the Advocate are taken. The same auxiliary reports increased interest awakened by the prospective transfer of the Mission property at Ramallah to the hands of American Friends, and they intend to supply means to finish and furnish a room in the new Training Home for girls in that place. Ten dollars of the required sum have already been placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Ramallah Fund.

Fairfield.—Harriet N. Jones, Vice President; three auxiliaries with seventy-nine members. Fourteen copies of the Advocate are taken. The meetings have been regularly held, and those who attend manifest an increasing interest in the work. Sewing circles are held and the articles sold to aid the missionary cause. Essays and extracts, which have a tendency to arouse and strengthen a missionary spirit, are read at the meetings.

From the valuable report of our Corresponding and Editorial Secretary, we gather that the correspondence during the past year has been interesting and varied. No correspondence from other Yearly Meetings has been received except the call from Western Yearly Meeting for the Missionary Conference, to which we cordially responded, and appointed a number of delegates to attend. The general Missionary Board of our Yearly Meeting have expressed the desire to assume the entire charge of the Ramallah Mission and to give the Brumana Home on Mount Lebanon to the English Committee.

This movement enlists our warmest interest, as it will greatly increase our usefulness in that field. Our societies desire to co-operate in this work to the full extent of their ability, and to take some special part in it, to be conducted in subordination to the general plan. We believe this to be the best way of bringing home the work to every woman and child in our church and giving to each a share of the responsibility of its support.

There has been much correspondence in connection with our Indian work. The Kickapoo and Iowa Mission has been seriously hindered by the removal of our valued teacher, Lizzie Test, on account of her mother's illness and the threatened loss of her own eyesight. She is still absent and the time of her return is uncertain.

Mary Sherman is doing her best at the Iowa school, and owing to the illness of Charles Frazier, the Principal of the Station, she has been obliged to conduct the little Meeting and Bible School in the tent, with what help the Indian interpreter could give her. May her touching appeal for help in the work to which she is called, not pass unheeded.

The correspondence with auxiliaries has been cheering. There has constantly been an effort to urge upon the societies the highest aims, and, while valuing the social element and the collecting of funds, to press the need of making each Monthly Meeting an occasion of spiritual blessing, and drawing out the hearts and prayers of our members for the extension of the Gospel.

MARY A. CHASE, *Secretary pro tem.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 13th, 1888.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF W. FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Women's F. M. Society of New England Yearly Meeting in account with Hannah J. Bailey, Treasurer:

Dr.

To amount on hand Sixth Month 13th, 1887		$640 01
Collection at public meetings	$63 42	
Received for sale of reports	11 90	
Fourth 1st, 1888. Donation for expenses of a lecture at General Conference	50 00	
Fourth 24th. From a Methodist sister, for Indian Mission, by E. T. Pritchard	5 00	
Fourth 29th. From a friend, for Indians, by E. T. Pritchard	1 00	
Interest on deposit in bank	2 33	
		$133 65
		$773 66
To amount received from R. I. Qr.	$400 92	
Salem Qr.	254 35	
Sandwich Qr.	109 00	
Smithfield Qr.	93 19	
Falmouth Qr.	98 00	
Dover Qr.	55 75	
Vassalboro Qr.	68 50	
Fairfield Qr.	130 27	
		$1,209 98
Total receipts		$1,983 64

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By amount sent to Missions in Jamaica	$160 00	
special donation to Temperance Missionary Work	1 00	
sent to Missions in Mexico	50 81	
paid for printing	30 10	
expenses of Iowa and Kickapoo Indian Mission	429 09	
sent to Brumana Mission	206 71	
paid C. M. Jones, Treas. of the E. & S. Jones Fund for Ramallah	326 16	
paid Margaret W. Haines for Mission at Japan	40 00	
paid E. H. Tuttle for Mission in Alaska	15 00	
paid E. T. Pritchard for expenses of Dr. Post's lecture, special donation	50 00	
Amount carried forward,		$1,308 87

Amount brought forward,	$1,308 87
Balance on hand	674 77
Total	$1,983 64

I have examined the foregoing account and find it correct.

M. AUGUSTA BATTEY, *Auditor.*

We desire to record our appreciation of the work and service of the Committee, which have been very satisfactory. We unite in the appointment of the following named Friends as officers of the Society, and trust that the Lord will continue to add His blessing.

President — Ruth S. Murray, New Bedford, Mass.
Vice Presidents — Phebe S. Aydelott, Fall River, Mass.
Huldah H. Leighton, Woodfords, Me.
Corresponding and Editorial Sec. — Margaret C. Kimber, Newport, R. I.
Recording Secretary — Alice W. Maxfield, Amesbury, Mass.
Treasurer — Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Auditor — M. Augusta Battey, Providence, R. I.

QUARTERLY MEETING VICE PRESIDENTS.

Sarah Caroline Tobey, 67 Angell Street, Providence, R. I.
Anna M. Gove, Seabrook, N. H.
Mary Jane Gifford, Sandwich, Mass.
Myra E. Frye, Portland, Me.
Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.
Huldah E. Jones, Vassalboro, Me.
Anna M. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
Phebe W. Sawtelle, Fairfield, Me.
Elizabeth G. Meader, North Sandwich, N. H.

The Representatives propose the names of Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting, and they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year. [*See* p. 63.] Charity G. Chace and Phebe P. Jones desiring to be released on account of ill health, S. Jane Cox was appointed to take the place of the latter, and Josiah Holmes, Jr., that of William Thompson, who expects to be absent during the year.

The London General Epistle has been acceptably read.

The Committee appointed for that purpose, have presented the names of Friends to constitute a Committee to have the charge of the Indians west of the Mississippi. We unite with Men Friends in their appointment to that service. [*See* p. 59.]

We unite with the Men's Meeting in appointing the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Boarding School Fund as a member, *ex-officio*, of the Providence Boarding School Committee.

We unite with Men Friends in not granting the request from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting in regard to the appointment of Elders.

We also unite with Men Friends in setting up a new Quarterly Meeting, to be called Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting, and we appoint Phebe S. Aydelott, Susan Ann Gifford, Lavina G. Huntington and Narcissa Jacob, to attend the opening of the same.

We concur with Men Friends in establishing the times and places proposed by the Representatives for holding the Quarterly Meeting of Dover, and also the new Quarterly Meeting of Parsonsfield.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Met according to adjournment.

A summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting, and a list of the number of its members, were laid before this Meeting and read. [*See* p. 60.]

The Committee on new business have presented a Report advocating the publishing of a Calendar; we unite with the Men's Meeting in appointing the Friends who compose that Committee to carry out its recommendations. [*See* p. 60.]

Our Committee on Peace have presented their Annual Report, which was acceptable to the Meeting. [*See* p. 64.]

The Committee that served last year were continued, and we desire their encouragement to labor earnestly and faithfully for the promotion of this cause. [*See* p. 65.]

Epistles to our dear sisters of London and Ireland, and a general one addressed to all the American Yearly Meetings, including the United Meeting of New York, have been read and approved.

Letters to the young people and children of our Yearly Meeting have also been approved, and all are directed to be signed on our behalf by the Clerk of this Meeting.

The Committee for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South have presented their Annual Report, [*See* p. 65] together with the Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tennessee. We continue the same Committee to take charge of this interesting work, substituting the names of Robert P. Gifford and Elizabeth A. Gifford for those of Moses and Hannah B. Sawyer, who through failing health are unable to perform the duties. [*See* p. 68.]

A Report from the Committee on Bible Schools has been read and approved. [*See* p. 69.] The labors of the Committee have been acceptable and satisfactory. We appoint a Committee to nominate a new Committee for the coming year. This Committee withdrew for consultation, and returning presented the names of Friends to compose a Committee to carry on the work the ensuing year, [*See* p. 73.] which is satisfactory to this Meeting.

We concur with Men Friends in accepting the Report of the Representatives to whom was referred the request from Salem Quarterly Meeting, in regard to the respective duties of Clerks in United Meetings. [*See* p. 72.]

We adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FIFTH-DAY MORNING, THE 14TH. Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Representatives being called, twenty-seven responded. For the absence of several who were obliged to leave before the close of the Meeting, excuses were rendered.

The name of Elizabeth G. Meader was proposed and united with as Vice President for Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting, of the Woman's Foreign Mission Association.

We unite with Men Friends in accepting and adopting the Report of the Committee on Finance. [*See* p. 74.]

A request to the Committee on New Business in relation to the appointment of a Committee to assist small Monthly Meetings in the proper administration of the Discipline, was referred to the Representative Meeting. [*See* p. 75.]

The Committee having charge of a Friend from the British Provinces, have presented a Report [*See* p. 72] which has been accepted in concurrence with Men Friends, and we have united in appointing the following Committee to continue this service, viz.: — Benjamin F. Knowles, Hannah J. Bailey, Thomas B. Nichols, Rachel B. Nichols, William H. Beale and Alfred H. Jones.

A request from Friends of Newport Preparative Meeting, for the use of the South part of this Meeting House when it seems desirable, has been received. We concur with Men Friends in granting the request. [*See* p. 75.]

We appoint a Nominating Committee, to withdraw and propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Business the coming year. They presented the following, viz.: — Myra E. Frye, Sarah J. Swift, Sarah D. Brown, and Huldah H. Leighton, who being approved by the Meeting, they are appointed to that service.

The Clerk is authorized to procure the necessary printing for this Meeting, including the Letters addressed to the young people, and the children, and call on the Treasurer for the expense incurred.

The Committee appointed to prepare returning minutes for Ministering Friends, and others in attendance of this Meeting with certificates, have presented the following for our friend Hannah H. Leggett: — "Hannah H. Leggett acceptably attended this Meeting."

Similar ones have been prepared for our friends James M. Haviland, Samuel Miles, S. Adelbert Wood, Richard H. Thomas, Mary S. Thomas, Rufus P. King, Ellison R. Purdy, David E. Sampson, Annie K. Knight, John Carey, William P. Pinkham, Evi Sharpless, Zaccheus H. Powell and Jesse W. Wilmore. These were acceptable, and the Clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of the Meeting.

The Clerk is also authorized to sign Minutes for our friends, Thomas H. Leggett, Ella Wood, Phebe A. Miles, Emma Sampson, an Elder, Amelia F. Purdy and Mary F. Powell, stating that they attended this Meeting, and that their company has been acceptable to us.

Again we have been permitted to assemble in our annual gathering, and bring our offerings of thanksgiving and praise, for the blessings and mercies of the past and present. Under the influence of the spirit of love which has prevailed among us in the several sessions of the Meeting, we separate, proposing to meet again at Portland, Maine, next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

ANNA G. WOOD, *Clerk.*

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MINUTES OF THE MEN'S MEETING.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at PORTLAND, Me., commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 14th, 1889.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.:

FROM RHODE ISLAND — Samuel R. Buffinton, Henry C. Aydelott, Augustine Jones, Benjamin F. Knowles, Robert P. Gifford, Obadiah Chace, Charles D. Kenyon, Daniel Meader, Charles W. Earle, Charles Estes and Benjamin A. Chace.

FROM SALEM — Joseph Cartland, William O. Newhall, Albert C. Hill, Stephen R. Rogers, William P. Pinkham, Owen Dame, Hezekiah Binns, Daniel C. Maxfield, Joshua Buxton, John H. Crosman, Cyrus Jones, Charles E. Peaslee and Peter M. Neal.

FROM SANDWICH — Joshua L. Macomber, Edward G. Dillingham, Thomas F. Haffard, Joseph Ewer, Stephen R. Wing, William P. Macomber, Nathaniel Howland, George Howland, Jr., Gideon Wood, David Kelley and Gideon Gifford.

FROM FALMOUTH — Augustus F. Cox, Ezra Hawkes, Reuben T. Jones, Henry F. Newell, John J. Frye, Nathan Pope, Leonard Lunt, Elijah Cook, John Cartland, John H. Hall and S. Alfred Hall.

FROM SMITHFIELD — James O. Inman, Richard Battey, Isaac Steere and D. Wheeler Swift.

FROM VASSALBORO — Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Jedediah J. Varney, J. Warren Starkey, James J. Varney, John R. Roberts, William H. Cates, James Pope, William A.

Jones, James C. Pierce, Everett M. Whitehouse and Isaiah Austin.

FROM DOVER — George Estes, Oliver Meader, William P. Jenkins, Albert C. Buffum and John H. Osborne.

FROM FAIRFIELD — Henry Winslow, Moses Briggs, Joseph E. Briggs, George B. Wing, Isaac Winslow, Levi Jones and A. Frank Morse.

FROM PARSONSFIELD — John B. Cartland, Russell Hoag, Silas H. Cartland, James Cartland and Joseph Remick.

Whose names being called, they were present except twenty, for the absence of ten of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Henry Stanley Newman, a minister from London Yearly Meeting, who has presented credentials of unity and sympathy from Herefordshire and Radnorshire Monthly Meeting, Western Quarterly Meeting, and the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held in London the first of Sixth Month, 1888.

4. We have also the acceptable company of the following named Ministers, with credentials of unity from their respective Meetings, viz.: Seneca H. Stevens, Mary G. Underhill and Hannah T. Pratt from New York Yearly Meeting; Daniel Hill and Joseph Moore from Indiana Yearly Meeting; Amos M. Kenworthy and Mary J. H. Chappell from Western Yearly Meeting; John Fry and Evi Sharpless from Iowa Yearly Meeting; William Wetherald from Canada Yearly Meeting and Jesse W. Willmore from Kansas Yearly Meeting.

5. We have acceptably with us Phebe E. Johnson, an Elder, from Muscatine Monthly Meeting, Iowa; Abby M. Fry, an Elder, accompanying her husband John Fry; Anna S. Leggett, accompanying our friend Mary G. Underhill, with credentials from their friends at home.

6. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning Minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following named Friends, viz.: — David Douglas, Joseph E. Briggs, Charles W. Goddard, Joseph Cartland, Owen Dame, Albert F. Minott and Charles M. Jones, who are requested to unite with a similar committee of Women Friends and report at a future sitting.

7. Epistles have been received at this time from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond except London, also one from Brumana, Syria. Those from Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana have been read to our comfort and edification; the reading of the remaining ones is deferred to a future sitting.

8. We appoint a committee to propose at our next sitting a Committee on Correspondence.

9. We appoint William A. Jones, Samuel Buffum, Joseph E. Briggs, John B. Cartland, Robert P. Gifford, Cyrus Jones, William P. Davis, Augustus F. Cox and Isaac Steere a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised, sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer.

10. We appoint William P. Macomber, William H. Varney, John Metcalfe, James P. Pierce, William P. Jenkins, Isaac Winslow, Silas H. Cartland, Charles Estes and Moses Huntington a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it at a future sitting.

11. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportion of stock called for last year.

12. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz.: —

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that Nathan Chace, an Elder and member of Swansea Monthly Meeting, died Tenth Month 22d, 1888, in the 76th year of his age; Joseph Estes, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 26th, 1889, aged 87 years and 5 months. Henry C. Aydelott has been appointed correspondent of Swansea Monthly Meeting; address Fall River, Mass. James Dennis, an Elder, and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 9th, 1889, aged 89 years; that it has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Joseph H. Atwater and Robert B. Hanson, and in the appointment of Ellen K. Buffum and Sarah J. Hanson to the station of Elder, and with Rhode Island, Swansea and Providence

Monthly Meetings in the appointment of thirty associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Clement R. Hanson, and in the appointment of fourteen associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. With Amesbury Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Peter F. Sweatt, Albert C. Hill, Sarah A. Hill, Daniel C. Maxfield and Alice W. Maxfield to the station of Elder, and in the appointment of nine associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and with Weare Monthly Meeting in the appointment of six associate members to the same meeting. Jonathan Boyce, an Elder, and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died First Month 10th, 1889, aged 89 years, 5 months and 10 days. William P. Pinkham, a minister from Spiceland Monthly Meeting, Indiana, has become a member of Salem Monthly Meeting by certificate. Hannah B. Sawyer, a Minister, and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 13th, 1889, aged 72 years, 11 months and 25 days. Herod Chase, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 25th, 1889, aged 82 years, 7 months and 9 days.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah A. Brightman to the station of Elder, and with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John B. Baylies to the same station; and with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of nine, Westport five and New Bedford nineteen associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in appointing Lewis M. Douglas and Ezra Hawkes to the station of Elder, and in the appointment of six associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Emma J. Getchell and Emma M. Newell, and in the appointment of Robert Goddard, Henry F. Newell, Helen M. Hacker, Melissa C. Crosman, Eliza E. Farr and Narcissa S. Pinkham to the station of Elder. Caleb Estes, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Twelfth Month, 25th, 1888, aged 88 years, 3 months and 5 days.

Ezekiel Varney, an Elder, and member of Windham Monthly Meeting, died Tenth Month 2d, 1888, aged 92 years and 23 days.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of John Metcalfe, and in the appointment of Mary A. Battey to the station of Elder, and with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Henry D. Swift, and with the Monthly Meetings in the appointment of eleven associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Thisby Andrews, an Elder, and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died Eighth Month 28th, 1888, aged 89 years, 10 months and 28 days. Mary R. Hadwen, an Elder, and Member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, died Ninth Month 19th, 1888, aged 81 years, 11 months and 18 days. Elizabeth W. Babcock, an Elder, and member of Bolton Monthly Meeting, died Fifth Month 15th, 1888, aged 79 years, 11 months and 4 days.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Unity Monthly Meeting in the appointment of James H. Cook, Olive W. Cook and Helen M. Jones to the station of Elder, and with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of three associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Content W. Pope, an Elder, and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 25th, 1888, aged 70 years and 3 months. Hezekiah Pope, an Elder, also a member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 12th, 1889, aged 82 years, 9 months and 3 days. Hannah R. Taber, an Elder, and member of Unity Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 9th, 1889, aged 78 years. Jane H. Meader, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 27th, 1889, aged 73 years.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Berwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Oliver Meader, Hannah W. Meader, Timothy B. Hussey and Anna M. Hussey to the station of Elder; and in the appointment of two associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. With Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph M. Hanson, Catherine F. Hanson and Sarah Frye to the station of Elder.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that its list of associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight has been revised and twenty-six Friends appointed to that service. Also that a Meeting for worship has been established at Augusta, Maine, to be held on First-day at 10.30, A.M.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON — Met pursuant to adjournment.

13. Samuel R. Buffinton, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William O. Newhall for Clerk, and Daniel C. Maxfield and I. Warren Hawkes for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being severally approved, they were accordingly appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

14. The Epistles from Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and one from Brumana Monthly Meeting were now read.

15. The Committee appointed for that purpose, presented the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence, which is approved by the Meeting, as follows, viz. : —

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Samuel Buffum,
Silas H. Cartland,
Charles W. Goddard,
Isaac Steere,
Charles H. Thorndike,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
William P. Macomber,
Charles M. Jones,
Robert P. Gifford,
Stephen R. Rogers,
Thomas Wood,
John F. Chase,
William Jacob,
Henry F. Newell,
Arthur W. Jones,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Alfred H. Jones,
William P. Jenkins,
Isaac Winslow,
Albert F. Minott;
Olney T. Meader,
John J. Frye.

16. The Committee appointed last year in reference to the establishment of a Conference of Yearly Meetings, etc., presented a Report, which is satisfactory to this and the Women's Meeting, and is as follows, viz. ; —

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee, to consider the proposition submitted to this Yearly Meeting by the Conference of Yearly Meetings in 1887, that a Conference of Yearly Meetings be established with delegated powers to meet at stated periods, have carefully considered the subject and are united in reporting that in their judgment the way does not open at present for this Meeting to join in such a conference.

On behalf of the Committee,

AUGUSTINE JONES,
GERTRUDE W. CARTLAND,

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 14th, 1889.

17. The Statistical Accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings, were now read, and are as follows, viz. : —

STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Number reported last year.	Error in last year's report.—Gain.	Error in last year's report.—Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number of Members.
Rhode Island .	810	0	0	7	16	9	2	29	4	23	0	833
Salem	659	1	0	3	16	24	2	17	3	24	0	683
Sandwich . . .	610	0	0	3	11	4	7	1	6	0	16	594
Falmouth . . .	*683	0	0	8	20	6	11	11	10	0	16	575
Smithfield . . .	371	2	0	2	8	3	3	3	1	0	2	369
Vassalboro . .	520	0	0	1	10	3	15	5	2	0	18	502
Dover	*287	0	0	2	4	0	2	0	1	0	5	217
Fairfield	505	0	0	1	4	7	5	28	1	26	0	531
Parsonsfield . .		0	0	3	1	0	0	2	2	2	0	159
Total	4445	3	0	30	90	56	47	96	30	75	57	4463
Net gain . . .										18		

*NOTE.—Parsonsfield Monthly Meeting, of 97 members, was set off to Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting, and 60 members of Dover Quarterly Meeting were also set off to Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting.

STATISTICS OF CHILDREN.

	Number of children between 4 and 21.	Number of children between 12 and 21.	Number attending School.	Number attending Schools taught or controlled by Friends.
Rhode Island	134	80	99	21
Salem	107	66	83	4
Sandwich	74	39	41	6
Falmouth	105	67	82	8
Smithfield	33	25	24	2
Vassalboro	67	32	52	18
Dover	27	21	19	4
Fairfield	57	36	42	4
Parsonsfield	27	14	25	1
Total	631	380	467	68

18. The Committee to disburse the income of the Mosher Fund presented their Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Committee is continued for service another year. The Report is as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the disbursement of the Mosher Fund would report that a part of their work during the year has been the continuation of the distribution of the *Friends' Review.* Two hundred and one copies have been sent to various parts of the Yearly Meeting, and much satisfaction has been expressed by the recipients.

Thirty-one copies of the *Christian Worker* have also been sent out to some who especially desired this publication.

An additional number of the Catechism for young Friends having been called for, five hundred were purchased from the New York Book and Tract Association. Two hundred of them have been sent to different localities in North Carolina, and another hundred has been requested for use in the mission work in that state.

Four hundred copies of "Ten Years in Abyssinia" have been ordered from the New York Book and Tract Society, but the order has not yet been filled, which will account for the balance in our treasury. The volumes will soon be ready, and it is hoped will increase the interest of our members in mission work.

On behalf of the Committee,

R. S. MURRAY.

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 14th, 1889.

INCOME OF H. H. MOSHER FUND.—TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from former account	$268 42	
Received from C. F. Coffin, Trustee	500 00	
" " North End Savings Bank, interest	60	
		$769 02

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for 200 copies of Thoughts on Holiness	$50 00	
201 copies of Friends' Review for one year or part of year	250 05	
31 copies Christian Worker	31 00	
500 copies Catechism	23 75	
Express, postage, etc.	4 70	
	$359 50	
Balance on hand to new account	409 52	
		$769 02

J. E. PAIGE, *Treasurer.*

Lynn, Mass., Sixth Month 8th, 1889.

19. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz. : —

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting :

The income of the Fund the past year has been,—

Interest from City of Boston bond	$500 00	
Interest from Lynn Institution for Savings	84 80	
Interest from New Bedford Institutions for Savings	46 71	
		$631 51

The payments for the same time have been,—

To J. E. Paige, Treasurer of Publishing Committee	$500 00	
Balance added to capital	131 51	
		$631 51

The Fund is invested in :

City of Boston, 5% Registered Bond	$10,000 00	
Lynn Institution for Savings	2,184 29	
New Bedford Institutions for Savings	913 97	
		$13,098 26

For the Trustees,

C. F. COFFIN, *Trustee.*

Lynn, Mass., Sixth Month 8th, 1889.

20. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting. By these Records we learn that one thousand copies of the Book of Discipline have been printed by order of that Meeting, and this Meeting directs that the edition be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and, after supplying the Clerk of each of our subordinate Meetings with a copy, the remainder shall be held by him for sale at fifty cents each.

21. In connection with the Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting, we have received their proposition in regard to the formation of a Central Missionary Board, which, being considered, we are united in concurrence with Women Friends in referring the subject to our next Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Seventh-day Morning, the 15th.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

22. The Representatives being called were present except twenty-six.

23. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries. The answers are as follows, viz. : —

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANSWER 1. Our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except in forty-two instances, (and those on Nantucket in the middle of the week.) First-day morning Meetings are generally well attended. Mid-week Meetings continue to be much neglected. The hour observed with few exceptions.

ANS. 2. With a few exceptions, love and unity are maintained and detraction guarded against. Care is taken to end differences when they appear. Some remissness reported from one Quarterly Meeting.

ANS. 3. With a few exceptions Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and endeavor to train those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4. With a few exceptions Friends read the Holy Scriptures, individually and in their families, and encourage those under their care in this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained, with some exceptions.

ANS. 5. Twenty-nine cases of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage reported. Two Quarterly Meetings report a few instances. Not quite clear in the other parts of this query.

ANS. 6. Care is taken as to the several parts of this query.

ANS. 7. Clear as to military matters except in three Quarterly Meetings. Six Quarterly Meetings report exceptions with regard to oaths.

ANS. 8. Friends are careful in their business relations, as queried after, with few exceptions, and are generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

ANS. 9. Generally clear as to records. All our Quarterly Meetings report removals without certificates. Some care reported by one Quarterly Meeting.

ANS. 10. The discipline is administered in Christian tenderness and impartially, but not always timely.

The spiritual condition of God's children may be largely measured by their attendance of Meetings. The true lover of the Lord loves the gathering together of his people. Like the sweet psalmist of Israel he can say, " I was glad when they said unto me, let us go up to the House of of the Lord." The great secret of blessing is to hold all our Meetings in the power of God. Christ as our High Priest should be as clearly recognized in every meeting as we recognize one another. To Him should we look for guidance, and move forward cheerfully and gladly in His service. "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye," is still a gracious promise to each disciple of the Lord. While special seasons of revival are a blessing to the church, every ordinary Meeting should be in a condition of constant revival. Praise should be an important part of worship and our Meetings of such a character that the children will love to come. Until we make our Meetings a success, Quakerism will not be a success.

The oldest, the Divinest, the most important institution in the world is the family. If the family goes wrong all other institutions cannot wholly remedy the defect. Early training should be so guided as to lead each child to Jesus, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. — The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

24. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting requests that this Meeting take under consideration the subject of a new apportionment of stock for the several Quarterly Meetings, which is referred to the Representatives now in attendance of this Meeting.

25. Falmouth Quarterly Meeting requests as follows, viz.: — "This Meeting is united in asking of the Yearly Meeting that our Quarterly Meeting be held in Portland once in the year, commencing on Seventh-day following the last Sixth-day in the First Month, the first one to be held in 1890. The Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Portland the day previous at 2 o'clock, P.M.," with which this Meeting unites and the change is accordingly made, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

26. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, presented their Annual Report, viz.: —

REPORT OF BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The School Committee, in presenting its Seventieth Annual Report, has the satisfaction of informing the Meeting, that through the entire year the health of the School has been excellent, with few exceptions.

The educational progress has been highly satisfactory.

The religious interest, particularly on the boys' side, has been unusually large and strong; the influence of this element within our borders has a very salutary effect on the discipline of the School.

The average number of scholars has been, boarders, 76 boys and 65 girls, and of day scholars, 8 boys and 11 girls, making an aggregate average of 84 boys and 76 girls.

The Officers of government and instruction the past year have been:

Augustine Jones, A.M., LL.B., Principal, and Political Science.
Thomas Chase, L.T.T.D., LL.D., Greek and Latin — Spring Term.
Marcellus Oakey, Governor, and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess, and English Studies.
Bessie T. Wing, History and Literature.
Thomas J. Battey, A.B., Natural Science.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Walter S. Meader, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
George A. Barton, A.M., Greek and Latin.
Clara A. Winslow, English Studies.
Mary P. Helme, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.
Edward F. Robinson, A.M., Latin, and in charge of school-room.
Rufus M. Jones, A.M., Modern Languages.
Lucy J. Hawkes, Primary Room.
Mary L. Farnum, M.D., Physiology.
Robert Bonner, Instrumental Music.
Elmer Almy Wilcox, Calisthenics for Boys.
Clara E. Rawson, Calisthenics for Girls.

The Auditors' Report for the year ending Seventh Month 1st, 1888, is as follows:

STATEMENT OF SETTLEMENT OF BOARDING SCHOOL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1887–8.

RECEIPTS.

From Elizabeth Fry Fund for Board and Tuition	$1,500 00	
the General Scholarship Fund	5,300 20	
the Charitable Scholarship Fund	2,689 70	
Auxiliary Studies, use of piano, etc.	3,690 33	
all other sources	30,824 98	
		$44,005 21

EXPENDITURES.

For Salaries	$13,747 45
Wages	8,985 21
Provisions	10,652 57
Amount carried forward,	$33,385 23

Amount brought forward,	$33,385 23	
Advertising	627 49	
Repairs and renewals	2,974 42	
Water tax	536 38	
Fuel	1,719 02	
Lights	910 86	
Papers and periodicals	57 16	
Incidentals	214 54	
City tax of 1887	2,879 70	
Library	312 44	
Improvements	36 50	
Debts considered bad	341 47	
	$43,995 21	
Leaving a profit on the year's work of	10 00	
		$44,005 21

Total indebtedness last year	$1,719 96
Less profit	10 00
Leaving profit and loss account	$1,709 96

J. H. CHACE,
ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON,
JAMES O. INMAN,
Auditors.

The most important improvement made at the School for many years, has been the change in the roof of the centre building, and in the roofs of the two original wings.

This extensive work has been under consideration for a long time, and, it was believed, could not longer be delayed without permanent injury to the buildings.

A large number of much needed and highly valuable rooms has been obtained by the alterations, some of which will be particularly useful in sickness. A fine gymnasium for the girls, which was also very much needed, has been secured.

The small and decreasing number of children of Friends in the Yearly Meeting, the vigorous competition resulting from improved schools everywhere, and the establishment of high schools in many of our larger cities, which have a tendency in the minds of parents to keep their children under the home influence, many of whom might under other circumstances send them to this School for education, may account in degree for the apparently small number attending our School for the past few years.

The department of "Carpentry and Wood Carving" which has been carried on for several years, has proved very successful, some of the articles made even by the younger pupils, reflecting credit on both teacher and scholar.

During the past year the attention of the public has been increasingly drawn toward this branch of our work, many persons, some of them ladies from the city of Providence, having joined the classes. Applications for admission to this department are largely beyond our ability to accommodate.

Quite recently we have effected the sale of two more lots of land.

The accompanying Minutes, prepared by direction of the Committee, are referred to the Yearly Meeting for its approval.

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School, per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150.00. Credit to members of New England Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund of $75.00. Credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by Scholarship from the same Fund of $25.00. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the Committee, from the Scholarship of the Charitable Fund of $75.00.

The rates are payable, one-half at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German, of $10.00; for one year's instruction in Pencil Drawing $15.00; for one year's instruction in Mechanical and Crayon Drawing and Painting $30.00.

It is understood that hereafter no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made, except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one-half may be made for the balance of the term, or period of absence.

With renewed thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for mercies past and present, and with a heartfelt invocation that He will be pleased to continue over us His loving care and protection, we conclude.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Boarding School, Providence, R.I., Sixth Month 4th, 1889.

Note. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 11th, 1889. The Spring Term begins Second Month 5th, 1890, and ends Sixth Month 24th, 1890.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee Seventh Month 30th.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be *sure* to apply at the time above stated, Seventh Month 30th.

Applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R.I.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting and the Committee now under appointment is continued for service another year.

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Charles F. Coffin,
George Howland, Jr.,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Richard Battey,
James H. Chace,
James O. Inman,
Peter M. Neal,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
Augustus F. Cox,
Robert P. Gifford,
I. Warren Hawkes,
William O. Newhall,
Isaac Oscar Winslow,
Daniel C. Maxfield,
John J. Frye,
Olney T. Meader,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Rebecca A. Steere,
Anna G. Wood,
Deborah W. Crosman,
Elizabeth H. Austin,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Esther Jones,
Caroline C. Earle,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Lydia C. Neal,
Ruth S. Murray,
Alice W. Maxfield,
Anna M. Hussey,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,
Sarah Marble,
Huldah H. Leighton,
Owen Dame, Treasurer, *ex-officio*.

27. A question having been raised whether the deeds of the school land, purporting to be the deeds of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, Corporation, duly executed by its Treasurer with its corporate seal duly affixed, were really and truly authorized by the Corporation, as the said deeds were executed by direction of a sub-committee of the School Committee.

The said deeds, being one to George L. Davis, bearing date the eleventh day of July, A.D., 1882, duly recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, in the city of Providence, in deed-book 314, page 419. Another deed to said George L. Davis, bearing date the nineteenth day of Ninth Month, 1883, recorded in the said office, book 319, page 481. Another deed to said George L. Davis, bearing date the twelfth day of February, A.D., 1883, duly recorded in said office, book 319, page 143. Another deed to Isabelle B. S. Nichols, bearing date the fifteenth day of December, 1884, recorded in said office, book 331, at page 57. And another deed to said Isabelle B. S. Nichols, bearing date the fifteenth day of Tenth Month, 1885, recorded in said office, book 331, at page 481.

We do now herein and hereby ratify and confirm the aforesaid action and doings of the said sub-committee of the School Committee and of the said Treasurer, and we do hereby ratify and confirm each of the aforesaid deeds and conveyances to the said grantees, their heirs and assigns forever; and affirm and declare that said deeds were each and all executed and delivered to said grantees, with full authority of said Corporation, and that said deeds and conveyances are valid and binding upon said Corporation to the fullest extent.

28. Two Minutes proposed by the Providence School Committee for adoption by this Meeting having been read, it was concluded to refer the same to the following-named Committee to report at a future sitting, viz.: — Samuel Buffum, Levi Jones, Silas H. Cartland, Obadiah Chace, Joseph Cartland, Gideon Wood, John H. Hall, Oscar J. Morse, Alfred H. Jones, Emeline H. Tuttle, Emma J. Briggs, Phebe L. Pope, Eliza P. Pierce, Salome C. Wheeler, Emma M. Newell, Lydia B. Dillingham, Anna M. Gove and Esther Chace.

29. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South have presented their Annual Report, together with the Report of the condition of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn., made by its Superintendent, William P. Hastings. The Committee is continued for service another year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Fall Term of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tennessee, commenced Eighth Month 20th, with an enrollment for that month of one hundred and fourteen, a number much beyond that of some previous years. The term closed Twelfth Month 22d, with an enrollment of one hundred and fifty-five.

The Spring Term opened First Month 2d, with an enrollment of one hundred and ninety-five, and closed Fifth Month 20th, with two hundred and eleven enrolled.

The School for the year has been more fully attended than is usual, and in it much excellent work has been done. Ninety students were in the normal class fitting themselves for teachers and other useful occupations. Eleven of these in the Fall Term, and thirty-nine in the Spring Term, were assisted in meeting their expenses to more than eleven hundred dollars from the income of the truly noble Fund created by our late dear friend George Sturge of England.

The great usefulness of this Institution to the colored people is seen in the occupations of a large number of its former students that are engaged as teachers, preachers, printers, carpenters, painters, masons, and in various other trades and callings, all of which pursuits are not only useful to the students, but to the community in which they live and to our nation.

There is no better way by which the friend of the colored man can efficiently act for his benefit than to give him an education that will make him honored and respected, and by which he will be enabled to meet, in a legitimate way, all his needs.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

To balance from last year	$298 79	
Appropriated by the Yearly Meeting	600 00	
From other sources	413 27	
Interest on Henry Camp's investment	70 00	
Interest on deposit	5 86	
Borrowed	89 68	
		$1477 60

EXPENDITURES.

For tuition	$1476 24	
Balance to new account	1 36	
		$1477 60

All of which the Committee submits with the belief that this Meeting will not allow so important a work to suffer for the want of pecuniary help.

For the Committee,

B. F. KNOWLES,

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 15th, 1889.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREEDMEN'S NORMAL INSTITUTE, MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

In submitting this Annual Report, we feel thankful to our Heavenly Father that He has so cared for this work as to raise up Friends to meet, so far as our work goes, the necessities pressing upon us; but we feel also, that the responsibility in regard to the future of the colored people is increasing rather than diminishing.

The discipline of slavery usually compelled these people, however ignorant they were, to keep orderly among themselves and among the white people whom they served.

As the young people who never felt the galling bonds of servitude, grew up, they should have had the discipline of education to give them the habit of self-control, with all its attendant blessings. Instead of this, a large majority of them have grown up, not all of them entirely illiterate, but comparatively in a state of superstitious ignorance.

The Training Schools for teachers have done a great deal towards furnishing competent, well-disposed, Christian teachers for the colored schools, and yet a very large majority of the schools among these people are still taught by persons who are grossly ignorant. Outside of such institutions as ours, in the South, perhaps not one school of colored people in ten thousand is taught by a white teacher. The duty, then, of the more favored, better educated and cultured citizens of the nation is to press the work in a practical way in the Normal Schools.

We hear from every quarter cheering reports of good, effected through the efforts of those trained in the Freedmen's Normal Institute; and, doubtless, other institutions with like purposes are doing much in the same direction, but the great need is to prepare and send out, annually, a larger number of trained and qualified teachers for the common schools. Education is said to be "the bulwark of liberty" in a republic.

The corruption now prevalent in American politics, the most dangerous menace to the permanency of our nation as a representative government, is chiefly attributable to ignorance among the voters. The duty of the present time is plain. We must educate this people, or we and our posterity must suffer the penalty for our neglect. The interests of the races are identical. Whatever hinders the progress of one race, interferes with the prosperity of the other; and, consequently, whatever promotes the best interests of one race increases the happiness of the other. "Let us not," therefore, "be weary in well-doing," but "do good unto all men as we have opportunity."

The following statistics will show, to some extent, the amount of work accomplished by the Freedmen's Normal Institute during the past year:

Whole number of days taught	190
Whole number enrolled	211
Average number belonging	118.4
Per cent. of attendance	82
Number of Teachers in Training Class	90
Number teaching in different States (estimated)	175
Number taught by former students (estimated)	8750
Number boarders in the buildings	46
Number reading from books	204
Number studying arithmetic	201
Number studying English grammar	135
Number studying geography	83
Number studying English composition	126
Number studying United States history	14
Number studying geology of Tennessee	8
Number studying Latin	3
Number studying civil government	1
Number studying physiology	10
Number studying natural philosophy	1
Number studying algebra	4
Number studying rhetoric	2
Number studying book-keeping	8
Number studying scientific agriculture	5
Number studying English literature	6

Our regular Meetings for Worship have been held, as usual, on the First and Fourth days of the week.

The Sabbath School has been well attended, and much interest has been manifested. The subjects of Peace and Temperance have been kept before the students by teaching, preaching and the distribution of literature.

The public reading of the Scriptures with devotional exercises, has been continued, as has been the custom heretofore, twice each day; that is, in the morning at the opening of the school, and in the evening at the collection of the students who were boarding in the buildings.

Judging from the essays and discussions in the Literary Society, which met weekly, as well as the character of the orations and essays which constituted the principal part of the closing exercises of the school, the work for Peace and Temperance has produced encouraging results.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. P. HASTINGS, *Principal.*

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Benjamin F. Knowles,
Charles F. Coffin,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Robert P. Gifford,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Elizabeth A. Gifford.

30. The Trustees of the George Sturge Fund presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and is as follows, viz.: —

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE STURGE FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

During the Fall Term many students are engaged in teaching, and that very much lessens the number in the Normal Class at the Institution.

Eleven in the Fall Term and thirty-nine in the Spring Term were in the training class, preparing for teaching and other useful occupations in life. They were each helped one dollar and thirty-seven cents a week from the Fund, an advance over former years, yet the class receiving the help was unexpectedly small, and therefore a larger balance will go to a new account, which will admit of an increased distribution for the coming year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year, ...	$1,316 23	
Coupons paid Seventh Month, 1888	727 50	
Coupons paid First Month, 1889	727 50	
Interest on deposit to Fifth Month, 1889	53 11	
		$2,824 34

EXPENDITURES.

Assisting eleven students in the Fall Term	$140 02	
Assisting thirty-nine students in the Spring Term . .	992 71	
Box in R. I. Safe Deposit Co.	15 00	
Balance for new account	1,676 61	
		$2,824 34

For the Trustees,

B. F. KNOWLES.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 15th, 1889.

TRUSTEES OF THE STURGE FUND.

Benjamin F. Knowles, Providence, R. I.
Samuel R. Buffinton, Fall River, Mass.
Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.
Owen Dame, Lynn, Mass.
Rebecca H. Smiley, Woodfords, Me.
Ellen K. Buffum, Providence, R. I.
Susan T. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.

31. The Committee appointed last year to revise and print a Calendar of all our subordinate Meetings, report the service performed, and this Meeting directs that the edition be sent down to our several Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions.

Adjourned to meet on Second-day Morning, at 10 o'clock, in joint session.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, THE 17TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

32. The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools has now been read, and is as follows, viz. : —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The work of the Bible School Committee for the past year has been mainly an effort to unite the schools of our Yearly Meeting more closely together, to inspire them with a feeling of the advantage of mutual help and counsel, and also to inculcate the thought that these schools working for the same purpose should know how much can be gained by union, and that to strengthen this union the stronger schools must help those that are weak.

To accomplish this purpose Superintendents have been appointed during this year for the various districts of New England Yearly Meeting, and some work has been accomplished by them in bringing to the notice of the Committee cases where a letter, a word of advice, or perhaps some pecuniary aid may have helped some worker in a school, who, struggling alone amid great difficulties, may have been almost tempted to give up the apparently unpromising work.

Enough has already been done in this direction by the Committee to show the necessity of more extended efforts, if some of the weak schools are to continue to exist. These must be made to feel that they have not only the prayers but the hearty coöperation of the Friends of New England Yearly Meeting.

Among the schools themselves, we can report an increase of interest. The number of conversions is larger than those reported for any previous year, and in our next report we hope we shall be able to see good results from these newly consecrated lives.

The statistics also show that the number of members in the schools is about the same as last year. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting has the largest number of Bible students, the number being six hundred and ninety-four. Vassalboro, Falmouth and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings show quite a decided decrease in membership during the past three years.

A very interesting Conference was held at New Bedford during the Eighth Month of 1888. Many delegates were present, and we think that all obtained some helpful ideas to carry home.

George A. Barton, Principal of the Home Bible School has presented to our Committee the following report of its work:

During the past year the work of the Home Study Bible School has steadily progressed. The number of students enrolled is somewhat larger than last year, and the number who are doing real work has considerably increased.

The statistics of the School are as follows:

Students temporarily debarred from study by sickness, etc., eight. Graduated from this course during the year, three. Their names are Nellie Goddard of Lisbon Falls, Me.; Mary H. Robinson of Brunswick, Me., and Esther Jones of Deering, Me.

New Testament course, number enrolled	102
Old Testament course A, number enrolled	5
Old Testament course B, number enrolled	5
Ecclesiastical History course, number enrolled	8
Greek Testament course, number enrolled	2
Elementary Greek course, number enrolled	3
Total	125

During the year the Principal has written to students to encourage them, or to answer their inquiries, about two hundred letters, aside from the regular lesson papers, which he has corrected and returned.

Of the one hundred and twenty-five students mentioned above, the most part are of our own Yearly Meeting, but four are of New York, two of Canada, three of Philadelphia, one of Ohio and two of Western Yearly Meeting.

I have consulted at different times with members of the Committee, and would propose that in future for any English course in this school, a fee of fifty cents be charged, and for any language course a fee of one dollar, that each student be allowed a year in which to complete a course, and if it is not completed in that time he shall pay another fee and have another year in which to finish it, and that all students now in the school be allowed another year free of charge in which to finish the course they have undertaken. The instructors in the school remain the same as last year.

The Principal feels that this work has an important bearing on the future of the religious efficiency of our society, and would urge upon all the necessity of supporting the school, not only by encouraging the teachers, but by encouraging the young to become students, and in helping them to obtain books from which to study.

Effort earnestly applied in this direction will in future years give us a membership "that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." And it must not be forgotten that our membership is our ministry.

We would recommend the subject be continued under the care of a Committee, and would ask that a sum be appropriated for its use during the coming year.

In behalf of the Committee,

SARAH H. TABER, *Secretary.*

STATISTICAL REPORT.

	No. of Schools.	Membership.	Average Attendance.	No. of Friends.
Rhode Island	9	574	423	261
Salem	11	493	351	251
Sandwich	11	694	410	177
Falmouth	9	374	244	225
Smithfield	7	270	173	124
Vassalboro	8	317	209	155
Dover	3	65	47	52
Fairfield	5	277	195	146
Parsonsfield	2	113	56	74
Total	65	3177	2108	1465

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1888.	RECEIPTS.		
Sixth Month 12th.	Balance from old account	$6 01	
Sixth 12th.	From C. W. Goddard, for papers	2 85	
	S. R. Buffinton, Treas.	84 12	
			$92 98

1888.	PAYMENTS.		
Sixth Month 23d.	G. H. Champlin & Son, at Newport	$2 53	
Sixth 26th.	T. J. Battey, at Newport	5 25	
Seventh 2d.	G. A. Barton, expenses, printing, etc., for Home Study Bible School	16 76	
1889.			
First Month 15th.	Pub. Association of Friends	13 92	
Sixth 1st.	Assistance rendered four small schools	20 00	
Sixth 5th.	Pub. Association of Friends	4 35	
Sixth 17th.	Secretary's account, including expense of General Conference	30 17	
			$92 98

O. T. MEADER, *Treasurer.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 17th, 1889.

The Report is satisfactory and adopted by the Meeting, and we appoint a committee to retire and produce at this sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Bible Schools.

33. The Report of the Committee on Gospel Work was now presented and read, as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Again, dear friends, we come to you with a report of our year's work. It has been a year of blessed service, the sower and the reaper going forth hand in hand, and often rejoicing together over the gathered sheaves. Our tabulated report is as follows: —

Number of meetings in the Yearly Meeting	69
Number of meetings visited	67
Meetings without continuous service	621
Series of meetings	28
Number of meetings included in the series	468
Bible readings	78
Children's meetings	10

Total number of meetings held	1187
Family calls	1339
Professed conversions	144
Professed renewals	92

We gather comfort for the present, and inspiration for the future, in the thought that it is not so much what we really do as what we aim to do, that the blessed Master approves. We can thankfully record, too, that nearly every discouragement that has beset us in the past year has been blessedly offset by a corresponding encouragement. Thus, some who could not be reached by the meetings have been reached in their homes; and this kind of work, which requires the wisdom of the serpent, combined with the harmlessness of the dove, has resulted in some instances in a clearing away of hindrances to the work and a blessing to the meeting. We believe heavenly wisdom has been granted, and though the testimony has not always been received, since "the disciple is not above his Master, nor the servant above his Lord," we are able to report definite blessing as a result in most cases. In one instance a member of this Committee was sent for at midnight to go to a home, where the father was found under deep conviction. By the blessing of the Lord on the instruction given, the man was enabled to "lay hold on eternal life," and two other members of the family were soon rejoicing in a knowledge of the great salvation.

Reports from members of the Committee speak of opportunities for wayside service, which have been greatly blessed in leading souls out of bondage, the Lord seeming to prepare the way and "make the place of His feet glorious." Letters have been written to isolated members in some Quarterly Meetings, and endeavors have been made to reach as many members as possible.

One worker, speaking of hindrances to the work on account of the low state of spirituality in the church, says, "The church must get right first, and unless there is a sanctified church and ministry it is of little use to leave converts, for they will only die." Another says, "If the Lord is pleased to send any of His servants here to labor among us, it is my prayer that we may be in such a spiritual condition that we can help them in leading souls to Christ, instead of having so much labor bestowed on us that there is no time to labor for the unsaved."

As encouragement in the same line, one writes, "We had a series of meetings at the close of our Quarterly Meeting. We had no strangers with us, but used our home workers, doing the best we could and trusting in the Lord; and He did, indeed, bless the broken bread in the hands of those to whom He gave it to hand forth."

This comes from another Quarterly Meeting, "I am sorry that more has not been done in our Quarterly Meeting, but do praise the Lord that in some of our meetings there is a healthy revival spirit all the time. In one meeting there have been ten professed conversions within a few months, without any special help from any save our home workers."

These reports are full of encouragement. No better work can be done than the setting other people to work; and where there is a healthy revival spirit all the time, "the work of any whom the Lord may send to labor in that part of His vineyard will be doubly blessed."

One member writes, "I have never known such an opening for gospel work as has been set before me this winter; so many calls to 'come over and help us;' and yet, with my heart longing to go and engage in the work, the winter is almost gone and I have not yet been able to hold one series of meetings anywhere." The writer goes on to speak of home duties which would necessitate the hiring of help if he were away, which he could not afford. "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God care for oxen?" He does, indeed; and far more does He care for His servants, whom He has anointed to carry the gospel to perishing souls. He would not have the rest of the church "eased" and these precious, called ministers of His "burdened." It is to be regretted that any earnest worker among us should be hindered from going out at the Master's call, when there are so many places in New England where no religious services are held, and where there is a call for teaching and help from Friends. The Lord is sending to us converted men and women who are inwardly drawn to desire union with a people who believe in a pure, spiritual worship, unencumbered by forms and ceremonies.

With regard to one of the new meetings established the past year, one Quarterly Meeting Superintendent writes, "Several were awakened by the Salvation Army, and when they thought of making their home with some church they chose the Friends', and I think fourteen requested membership. They met and held meetings by themselves, and, their numbers increasing, Friends fitted up a meeting place for them and recognized the meeting."

It seemed well to the Gospel Committee to call a conference of ministers and other Christian workers, for mutual strength and encouragement in the work. Such a conference was accordingly held in Lynn, in the Eighth Month. It was well attended and we believe was productive of good.

"Say ye not there are yet four months and then cometh the harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." May God help us in this Yearly Meeting so to look for souls, and so faithfully to redeem the time, that many fields to-day untilled among us may yet become "fair as the garden of the Lord" through our efforts.

On behalf of the Committee,

ELIZABETH T. LARKIN, *General Superintendent.*

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 17th, 1889.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance from last year	$11 29	
Collections at Newport	445 22	
Subscriptions	290 00	
From Monthly Meetings	35 35	
Appropriation by Yearly Meeting	300 00	
		$1,081 86
Expended by the Committee		955 72
Balance on hand		$126 14

OLNEY T. MEADER, *Treasurer.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 17th, 1889.

The Report is very interesting and satisfactory to the Meeting, and we conclude to continue the concern of the Meeting in this direction under the care of a Committee, and a committee was appointed to nominate a Committee on Gospel Work and report at a future sitting.

34. The Committee appointed for that purpose propose the following-named Friends to constitute a Committee on Bible Schools the ensuing year, viz.: —

JOHN METCALFE, *Chairman*, Woonsocket, R. I.
MARTHA HOAG, *Secretary*, 144 Blue Hill Ave., Boston, Mass.
OLNEY T. MEADER, *Treasurer*, 634 Warren St., Roxbury, Mass.

Executive Committee.

Rhode Island,	Thos. J. Battey.
Salem,	Daniel C. Maxfield.
Sandwich,	Sarah H. Taber.
Falmouth,	Ellen C. Maxfield.
Falmouth,	Henry F. Newell.
Smithfield,	Oscar J. Morse.
Vassalboro,	Frank E. Jones.
Dover,	William T. Hussey.
Fairfield,	C. Irving Bailey.
Parsonsfield,	Thos. W. Hoag.

Annie Macomber.
Chas. H. Atkins.
Chas. A. Chace.
Mary G. Winslow.
Geo. B. Wing.
Lydia M. C. Tuttle.
Phebe L. Pope.
Salome C. Wheeler.
Geo. R. Wood.
Mary E. Taylor.
Emily S. Weeks.
Rufus M. Jones.
Geo. A. Barton.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Afternoon — The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

35. The Committee to whom was referred the nomination of a Committee on Gospel Work, have made a report which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Friends named are appointed to that service the ensuing year, viz.: —

COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

Benjamin F. Knowles, *Chairman.*
Albert F. Minott, *Secretary.*
Olney T. Meader, *Treasurer.*
Elizabeth T. Larkin, *Secretary.*

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents.

Rhode Island,	Harriet D. Collins.
Salem,	Elizabeth T. Larkin.
Sandwich,	Anna G. Wood.
Falmouth,	Augustus F. Cox.
Smithfield,	John Metcalfe.
Vassalboro,	Eli Jones.
Dover,	Emeline H. Tuttle.
Fairfield,	Joseph E. Briggs.
Parsonsfield,	John B. Cartland.

General Committee.

Benjamin F. Knowles, Providence, R.I.
Harriet D. Collins, Hopkinton, R.I.
Elizabeth T. Larkin, Peabody, Mass., P.O. Box 4.
Olney T. Meader, Boston, Mass., 634 Warren St.
Anna G. Wood, New Bedford, Mass.
Edward T. Tucker, New Bedford, Mass.
Augustus F. Cox, Portland, Me., 97 Winter St.
S. Jane Cox, Portland, Me., 97 Winter St.
Albert F. Minott, Deering, Me.
John Metcalfe, Woonsocket, R.I.
Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.
Eli Jones, South China, Me.
Peace Jones, South China, Me.
Alfred H. Jones, China, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N.H.
Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me.

Andrew J. Williams, Winthrop Centre, Me.
John B. Cartland, North Sandwich, N.H.
Elizabeth H. Cobb, East Parsonsfield, Me.
Phebe L. Pope, East Parsonsfield, Me.

The consideration of the service of the Committee on Gospel Work was resumed and a collection taken for its aid, and $165.60 received, which is directed to be placed in the hands of the Committee. Our Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to appoint Committees to coöperate with the above Committee as way may open.

36. The Committee appointed in reference to the subjects proposed by the Providence Boarding School Committee have made a report, which is accepted by the Meeting and is as follows, viz. : —

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to consider the subject of the powers and duties of the Trustees of the Funds of the Providence Boarding School, have attended to their appointment and are united in recommending that the three Trustees shall have full power to receive and hold all the Funds of the Boarding School; and that the Minute of the Yearly Meeting of 1882, numbered 17, be rescinded or so modified as not to conflict with the authority of the Trustees, as given by the Yearly Meeting of 1888, Minute number 42.

And we recommend the adoption by the Yearly Meeting of the Minute referred to us regarding the appointment of a Real Estate Committee.

For the Committee,

SAMUEL BUFFUM.

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 17th, 1889.

37. It is decided that a Real Estate Committee, consisting of five persons, who shall be members of the School Committee having charge of the school at Providence, R. I., three of whom shall form a quorum, be annually appointed by the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, at the time of the appointment of the said School Committee, whose duty shall be to care for and manage the land and real estate of the said Yearly Meeting, in said Providence, not included between Lloyd Street, Whittier Avenue, Alumni Avenue and Pennington Avenue, so called, and said Real Estate Committee is authorized and empowered to make sale of all or any part of said land or real estate (always, of course, excluding said reserved square or block of land) from time to time,

in such parcels, at such prices, and upon such terms and conditions as in their judgment will best promote the interests of said School; and the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the time being, and his successors in office, are hereby authorized and directed to make and execute good and sufficient deeds of conveyance of the same, and with or without warranty, as said Real Estate Committee shall determine, and for and in behalf of said Yearly Meeting, sign, affix the corporate seal to, acknowledge and deliver said deeds whenever the said Real Estate Committee shall request him so to do. Said Real Estate Committee shall hold their places for one year, or until others are appointed in their stead, and whenever a vacancy, by reason of declination, resignation, death, incapacity, protracted absence abroad, or other reason, shall exist in said Real Estate Committee, the said School Committee may fill such vacancy, and when more than two such vacancies shall exist at the same time, it shall fill such vacancies, and the members of said Real Estate Committee, so appointed by the School Committee, shall have and exercise the same powers and authority as they could or would have and exercise had they been appointed by the Yearly Meeting. Said Real Estate Committee are directed whenever any money shall come into their hands from the sale of land as above mentioned, after paying such bills as shall be necessary for surveying, platting, grading streets, and adapting the land under their care and management for sale, to turn over the balance to the Trustees of the Boarding School Fund. They are also to report their doings to the School Committee when requested so to do, and make an annual report to the Yearly Meeting. And this Meeting appoints James H. Chace, Samuel R. Buffinton, James O. Inman, Robert P. Gifford and Benjamin F. Knowles a Real Estate Committee for the ensuing year, in accordance with the foregoing.

38. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, viz.: —

SUMMARY OF ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES FROM THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

Answer 1. — Five Quarterly Meetings report a few exceptions as to diligence in attending our Meetings for Worship and Discipline; one Quarterly Meeting reports exceptions relating to Meetings for Discipline, and three reports are clear.

Ans. 2. — Five Quarterly Meetings report no exceptions to this Query, and four report a few exceptions as to love and unity and harmonious labor in gathering unto Christ.

Ans. 3. — All the answers to this Query report diligence in searching the Holy Scriptures in the prayerful spirit queried after, and care taken not to misquote or misapply them.

MINUTE OF THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

To the Yearly Meeting:

As the answers to the queries were brought before us, we were reminded of the force of the injunction, "To speak a word in season to them that are weary." We belong to Christ because He has bought us, and when we have the spirit of Christ the word to others will be seasonable, and the frail, the weak and the weary will receive encouragement. Let us lend a helping hand and extend sympathy to all, even as our blessed Master sympathized with every one who felt the need of it. It is a truth that where there is a lack of love and unity there is a corresponding lack of gathering unto Christ. Love prompts to service and finds out the way to work. The love of God acts both ways. The heart in which this divine principle dwells, loves God supremely and also loves all whom He loves. The standard Jesus sets up is to love our enemies.

Some may ask, "How shall I work?" Why, go to work and learn how! "Where shall I work?" In the place that is nearest home! God's word to Moses was, "What is that in thine hand?" Even as insignificant a thing as a shepherd's rod can be made an instrument of power by God.

All will acknowledge that ministers have spiritual gifts to be exercised under the direction of the Holy Ghost, but does it mean only ministers? All who are forgiven have a gift and service to be used for God, for the Spirit divides "to every man severally as he will," and then he gives "grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." We must awake to our responsibility and be faithful to our glorious Leader. We have no right to set a value upon ourselves, or think of our gift as either great or small. "Those members of the body which seem to be more feeble are necessary." Perhaps the church has been too slow in recognizing the various gifts, for that of prophecy or preaching is but one among many which are enumerated by the Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus loves His flock and He appoints us as under-shepherds. If we feed the church of God, over which the Holy Ghost hath made us overseers, some of our difficulties will be solved.

Let us bring just as much energy and thought to the work of God as to our temporal concerns. His work must be first and must have our best powers. If we go to our meetings praying, and expecting to be used of the Lord, He will do it.

ALFRED H. JONES, *Clerk.*

The following constitutes the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, viz.: —

	Ministers	Elders	Associate Members
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting,	22	34	43
Salem " "	11	26	34
Sandwich " "	14	24	31
Falmouth " "	16	28	7
Smithfield " "	7	28	15
Vassalboro " "	22	36	21
Dover " "	7	25	10
Fairfield " "	12	39	26
Parsonsfield " "	6	11	3
Total,	117	251	190

Total membership of Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, 558.

We adjourn to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY MORNING, THE 18TH.

The Meeting assembled in separate sessions, pursuant to adjournment.

39. The Epistle from London Yearly Meeting to this, was received at this time, and, having been read to our comfort, is referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

40. The Committee on Temperance presented their Annual Report, which has been read, and is satisfactory to this Meeting. The Committee now under appointment is continued for service another year, with the exception of Charles W. Goddard and William Jacob released at their own request. The Report is as follows, viz.: —

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Temperance Committee reports that its members have been actively engaged during the year in the work whereunto they were appointed by the Yearly Meeting. A deep sense of the fact that a crucial hour in temperance reform is now upon the Christian church, rests with our workers, who, strong in faith and determined of purpose, wage their peaceful warfare against the liquor traffic. An unusually large number of public meetings have been held by the Committee. Juvenile bands have been organized and sustained, literature distributed, and much work done in the interest of Constitutional Prohibition.

From reports of individual work, we extract the following. A sister writes: "I have secured two lectures on the subject of temperance which were given to large and apparently appreciative audiences. I am now making arrangements for another lecture. I have distributed five thousand pages of pure temperance literature, and several hundred papers; have taken an active part in thirteen public meetings on the subject. I have placed three wall pockets in railroad stations, which I expect to keep supplied with literature of various kinds, including a good, selected assortment of temperance tracts, papers and pamphlets. I have posted several pictures in public places, which have an influence to educate in favor of temperance."

Another worker writes: "I have attended our W. C. T. U. perhaps a dozen times, distributed amendment literature not only from house to house with others, but by the way, in the cars, and elsewhere. I am sure the amendment campaign was a real blessing to the people in many places and in many ways." A friend whose time is largely occupied with other departments of Christian service has yet found time to hold thirteen children's meetings, has spoken in the temperance meetings, distributed one hundred packages of literature and worked for the amendment.

At Providence Boarding School, a meeting under the auspices of the Committee was held in the Twelfth Month. Able addresses were given by Dr. Phillips of Rhode Island and Miss Gordon of Tennessee.

At Oak Grove Seminary, the Young People's Fellowship Union projected and carried out successfully a public temperance meeting. The strong temperance sentiment which prevails in both these institutions of learning is significant and hopeful.

Much of the work done by the Committee has been along the line of politics, and cannot be reported here. On this point we have simply to urge all Friends who possess the right of suffrage so to use it that the day may hasten when intemperance is no longer a party issue, and the question, forever settled in our nation, is taken out of the political arena.

Your Committee wish to remind the members of our Yearly Meeting how important is the duty of supervising temperance teaching in the public schools. The best practical results are achieved by conscientious work done with the children; and the teacher who creates among his pupils a sentiment against alcoholic stimulants and narcotics has fought a winning battle with intemperance.

That Friends are not unmindful of their duty to the children in regard to this vital question, the following report will show.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF JUVENILE WORK.

What has been accomplished this year, through the effort that has been made, gives us confidence to believe much greater results could be reached by one able to give more time and attention to the work. A few addresses have been given. Letters have been written, and as opportunity has presented, appeals have been made personally in behalf of the cause. The subject has been presented at a Bible School quarterly conference. As a result, one of the schools there represented has taken up the work and organized a Band.

One Bible School in which no special interest had been manifested, has been convicted that "something" ought to be done, and consequent action has added two other bands to our list—one in the immediate school and one in a mission. We are grateful for these bands, as we believe in this way emphasis is laid upon the subject, and better temperance teaching and work can be secured than by regular or occasional instruction given in the school. Near the close of the year we called for statistical reports by blanks sent to all the Bible Schools. Many of these were not returned. From those that responded we gather that in quite a number of our schools the subject has received marked attention, while in a few it has been entirely neglected. The pledge has been used and literature and cards distributed. One school reports that every member has signed the pledge. The triple pledge has been used among children and youths. One school has held regular monthly meetings throughout the year, with a steady increase in the attendance; also several meetings in adjoining towns. In one of these a flourishing band has been organized. Counting this as one we can report five bands organized this year. Our other bands are in a prosperous condition as far as heard from. Altogether, in the work, there is much of encouragement, as we summarize it, from records sent.

JENNIE ALLYN.

The distribution of literature continues to be an important part of our work. We feel that it is scarcely possible to estimate the value of this means of public awakening and education. The following is the Report of the Superintendent of Literature.

Number of orders for literature, cards, etc.	37
Pages of literature distributed during the year	65,964
Cards for Bands of Hope and distribution	670
Triple pledge cards	90
Youths' Temperance Stories (copies)	50
Youths' Temperance Banner (copies)	6

We hereby request that the Yearly Meeting's Committee of Arrangements provide entertainment for Friends attending Yearly Meeting where the State law against intoxicating drinks is not transgressed.

We recommend that this work be continued under the care of a Committee, and that $200 be appropriated for its use. On behalf of the Committee,

ELLEN C. JONES, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Treasurer of Yearly Meeting		$200 00
PAYMENTS.		
Printing, stationery, postage and express	$13 60	
Charts	6 00	
Workers	70 10	
Tracts, books and cards	110 30	
		$200 00

EZRA HAWKES, *Treasurer.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 17th, 1889.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Organization.

Charles H. Thorndike, *Chairman.*
Ruthanna H. Nichols, *Secretary.*
Ezra Hawkes, *Treasurer.*
Emily S. Weeks, *Supt. of Juvenile Work.*
John F. Chase, *Supt. of Literature.*

Executive Committee.

C. H. Thorndike,
Augustus F. Cox,
Ellen C. Jones,
Elizabeth K. Jones,
Charles A. Chace,
Emeline H. Tuttle,
John F. Chase,
Ezra Hawkes,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Jennie Allyn,
R. H. Nichols,
J. J. Cartland,
Joshua L. Macomber.

Committee on Juvenile Work.

John S. Kimber,
George L. Crosman,
Adelaide Wheeler,
Mary W. Macomber,
Elizabeth C. Murray,
J. J. Cartland,
Mary A. Chase,
Mary Elma Richardson,
Alice W. Hawkes,
William T. Hussey.

Rhode Island.

Charles A. Chace, Fall River, Mass.
John S. Kimber, Newport, R. I.
Annie P. Carr, Newport, R. I.
Mary W. Macomber, Portsmouth, R. I.
Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.

Salem.

John F. Chase, Manchester, N. H.
Mary A. Chase, Manchester, N. H.
C. H. Thorndike, Concord, N. H.
Elizabeth T. Larkin, Box 4, Peabody, Mass.
George L. Crosman, Lynn, Mass.
William Wood, 9 Berkeley Street, Lawrence, Mass.
Albert N. Peaslee, Lynn, Mass.
J. Warren Huntington, Amesbury, Mass.

Sandwich.

Joshua L. Macomber, Mattapoisett, Mass.
Hannah R. Gifford, Westport Point, Mass.
Henry A. Slocum, Dartmouth, Mass.
Elizabeth C. Murray, New Bedford, Mass.

Smithfield.

Abigail Wheeler, Northbridge, Mass.
Adelaide Wheeler, Bolton, Mass.
Oscar F. Morse, Woonsocket, R. I.
Arthur H. Swift, 16 Channing Street, Worcester, Mass.
Jennie Allyn, 68 Warrenton Street, Boston, Mass.

Falmouth.

Augustus F. Cox, Portland, Me.
Ezra Hawkes, Portland, Me.
Alice W. Hawkes, Portland, Me.
Ellen C. Jones, 31½ Exchange Street, Portland, Me.
Edward S. Hacker, Brunswick, Me.

Vassalboro.

Frank E. Jones, South China, Me.
Ruthanna H. Nichols, East Vassalboro, Me.
Elizabeth K. Jones, South China, Me.
Emily S. Weeks, Vassalboro, Me.
George W. Varney, Unity, Me.

Dover.

Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Catherine F. Hanson, Rochester, N. H.
William T. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.

Fairfield.

Harriet N. Jones, East Winthrop, Me.
Mary Elma Richardson, North Fairfield, Me.
Hepsie S. Hoxie, West Sidney, Me.
Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me.

Parsonsfield.

Joseph J. Cartland, North Sandwich, N. H.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON — Met according to adjournment.

41. Epistles to Canada, Kansas, Baltimore, Iowa, Ohio, Ireland and North Carolina Yearly Meetings were now read and approved.

42. The Representatives from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting propose Gideon Wood as a member of the Finance Committee for this year, in consequence of the absence of their member of the Standing Committee on Finance, and for a similar reason the Representatives from Dover Quarterly Meeting nominate Samuel

Buffum to the same service this year, and the Representatives from Parsonsfield propose Silas H. Cartland as the member of the Standing Committee on Finance for that Quarterly Meeting, which meets the approval of this Meeting and they are appointed accordingly.

43. The Committee to aid a member of our Society from the British Provinces, made the following Report, viz. : —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CARE OF A FRIEND FROM THE BRITISH PROVINCES.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We have endeavored faithfully to discharge the duties of our appointment, and in so doing the object of our care has been kept comfortable.

We recommend the continued care of this Meeting, with an appropriation of $100.

For the Committee,

B. F. KNOWLES.

Portland, Sixth Month 17th, 1889.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee is continued for service another year.

COMMITTEE ON AID TO A FRIEND FROM THE BRITISH PROVINCES.

Benjamin F. Knowles,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Alfred H. Jones,
Thomas B. Nichols,
Rachel B. Nichols,
Wm. H. Beale.

44. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, have presented a Report, which has been read, and is as follows, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

To New England Yearly Meeting:

The work under the care of the Committee on Western Indians has been confined mostly to Indian Territory. This home of the red man is three hundred miles long by two hundred wide. It is bounded on the north by Kansas, east by Missouri and Arkansas, south and west by Texas, and embraces thirty-six different tribes, with a population of about eighty-four thousand. While this territory is so very extensive, all that part of it that lies west of the one hundredth meridian is so subject to droughts that it would be difficult if not impossible for white men to sustain themselves except by herding cattle. From ten to thirty acres are required for the sustenance of one ox, and in some places from three hundred to sixteen thousand acres would be necessary for supporting a family, except along the rivers. It is occupied by wild or blanket Indians. The eastern portion is well adapted to farming. Our work is mostly confined to the Quapaw agency in the northeast corner, and the Sac and Fox agency in the southwest. From the reports of the Associated Executive Committee, we learn that the number of places at which meetings have been held has increased the past year and the membership enlarged. Tracts of land for school and missionary purposes have been made to the meeting at Skiatook and the Ottawas. There has been a gain in almost all directions. More than four hundred members belong to the meetings. Two Monthly Meetings are under the care of Friends, namely: Grand River, which lies in the northeast part, and has had one Preparative and one Meeting for worship added to it during the year. It now has five Preparative Meetings and nine Meetings for worship. Shawneetown Monthly Meeting lies about one hundred and fifty miles southwest of Grand River Monthly Meeting. It has two Meetings for worship, one at Shawneetown and the other at Iowa station, about sixty miles north of Shawneetown. Meetings have been held in twelve different places every First day, besides several series of Meetings held in different localities.

At one Monthly Meeting twenty applications were made for membership, indicating that most of the converts are making a home with Friends. Bible schools are held regularly at six different places, enrolling three hundred and eleven pupils. Of twenty-two classes, seven are taught by natives. A collection is taken up for missionary purposes. The first missionary work under the care of the Associated Executive Committee in Indian Territory was in the Ottawa nation, and it was carried on by Asa and Emeline Tuttle, where many sons and daughters were gathered into the fold of Christ. These Indians have remained firm in the faith, and having no suitable place for public worship, they appealed to their first missionaries, who, realizing their needs, began the arduous task of soliciting the funds. Through the efforts of one of our young members of the Committee, $60 were raised, and applied to the building fund, which has now reached the sum of $750 (with the exception of $60 above mentioned); said sum being raised outside the Yearly Meeting. The house will be built this summer; the Indians aiding in its construction by drawing lumber, and other labor. The collection taken up at the last Yearly Meeting enabled us with little addition to appropriate $200 towards the new meeting-house at the Iowa mission, which was completed by the Associated Executive Committee. Fifty dollars has been sent Lizzie Test to repair the missionary cottage at the Iowas. Others have been helped from our treasury. A correspondence has been kept up with the missions. Frank Modoc's son Ellwood writes from White's Industrial School that he has just started to work on the farm, and enjoys it more than he expected; he is doing well. There have been four deaths at Camp Modoc during the Spring. The Commissioner of

Indian affairs in his report says, "The Modocs dress better, farm more intelligently, add to their improvements, keep their houses cleaner, cook their food better, and send their children to school tidier, each succeeding year."

It has been a general impression that Indians are not readily susceptible to missionary influences, but there is no greater popular fallacy. Some of the tribes have been the most teachable and grateful of all heathen nations. It is believed that no other part of the evangelizing work of the Society has been attended with more obvious spiritual results, than that among the Indians. Yet we have more than fifty tribes without missionary or teacher, whose claims upon us are great. We are as Jacob enjoying both the birthright and the blessing — they as Esau, stripped of both, and lifting up the voice with an exceeding bitter cry, through us to the Great Father of all, "Hast thou not one blessing for me? Bless me also, oh my Father."

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $3,500. We recommended that $525 be appropriated as our quota of this sum. We ask also that the treasury of our own committee be replenished, not only by a collection to be raised in our Yearly Meeting, but also by efforts to be made in all our Monthly Meetings.

On behalf of the Committee,

MYRA E. FRYE, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1888.	Dr.		
Sixth.	Balance of Cash on hand	$11 14	
Sixth.	Amount collected in Newport at the Yearly Meeting and soon afterwards	214 03	
Twelfth.	From Sandwich Monthly Meeting	20 00	
1889.			
First.	From Dover Monthly Meeting	15 00	
Second.	From Westport Monthly Meeting	6 00	
Second.	From Bolton Monthly Meeting	4 50	
Second.	From Falmouth Monthly Meeting	22 00	
Second.	From the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, Hopkinton	55 50	
Second.	From Plainville Union Sabbath School	4 50	
Third.	From Swansea Monthly Meeting,	12 00	
Third.	From Friends of Worcester Meeting	40 00	
Third.	From Friends of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	10 50	
Fourth.	From Providence Monthly Meeting	21 50	
Fifth.	From Salem Preparative Meeting	17 00	
Fifth.	From Peace Dale	2 50	
Fifth.	From Greenwich Monthly Meeting	1 00	
Fifth.	From Allen's Neck Sabbath School	5 00	
			$462 17

1888.	Cr.		
Sixth.	Paid Myra E. Frye, for Rachel Kirk	$10 00	
Sixth.	Paid Eliza Watson	10 00	
Sixth.	Paid John F. Mardoc	20 00	
Seventh.	Paid James E. Rhodes, on account of building the school-house for Iowa Indians	200 00	
Twelfth.	Paid Joseph D. Wood, for Bible lessons sent to Camp Modoc School	5 00	
1889.			
Second.	Paid Asa C. and Emeline H. Tuttle, on account of building on the Ottawa Reserve	50 00	
Second.	Paid Hannah J. Bailey, for account of repairs and improvements of the Mission House at the Iowas	50 00	
Sixth.	Balance on hand	117 17	
			$462 17
1889.			
Sixth.	Balance of cash on hand		$117 17
Sixth.	Appropriations by Indian Committee, for Alaska	$25 00	
	For J. F. Mardoc	25 00	
	For C. Jennison	15 00	
	For Mary Hall	10 00	
	For E. Tuttle's travelling expenses in soliciting for building fund	35 00	
			$110 00
Sixth Month 17th, 1889.	Balance on hand		$7 17

On behalf of the Committee,

ELLEN K. BUFFUM, *Treasurer pro tem.*

The Report is satisfactory and the Committee continued for service another year, with the substitution of Charles W. Goddard in the place of Smith B. Steere, released on account of ill-health, and the addition of Susan H. Meader and Almira B. Buffum.

NAMES OF INDIAN COMMITTEE.

John J. Frye, *Chairman.*
Myra E. Frye, *Secretary.*
Anthony M. Kimber, *Treasurer.*

MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

William O. Newhall,
Anthony M. Kimber,

COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

William O. Newhall, Lynn, Mass.
Ellen K. Buffum, 87 Cook St., Providence, R. I.
Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.
John J. Frye, Woodfords, Me.
Myra E. Frye, Woodfords, Me.
Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Anthony M. Kimber, 75 Broadway, Newport, R. I.
Asa C. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Anna M. Gove, Seabrook, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Elwood G. Macomber, Portsmouth, R. I.
Abbie E. Gifford, Fall River, Mass.
Arthur W. Jones, South China, Me.
Charles W. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.
Leslie Meader, Tamworth, N. H.
Joseph D. Wood, Boston, Mass.
Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
Sarah Osborne, Woonsocket, R. I.
Emily S. Weeks, Vassalboro, Maine.
Ella L. Andrews, Lincoln House, Lewiston, Maine.
Maria Winslow, St. Albans, Me.
Mary D. Collins, Hopkinton, R. I.
Edward T. Tucker, New Bedford, Mass.
Susan H. Meader, Boston, Mass.
Almira B. Buffum, North Berwick, Me.

45. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year, which is approved, and they are accordingly appointed, viz. : —

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

Samuel R. Buffinton,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Phebe S. Aydelott,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
William O. Newhall,
Daniel C. Maxfield,
Lydia C. Neal,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
George Howland, Jr.,
Joseph Ewer,
Ruth S. Murray,
Reuben T. Jones,
Henry F. Newell,
Josiah Holmes, Jr.,
Elizabeth K. Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
William P. Tuttle,
Anna M. Hussey,
Emeline H. Tuttle,
Levi Jones,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Mary C. Hawkes,
Charles A. Chace,
Augustine Jones,
Owen Dame,

Lucy R. Goddard,
Myra E. Frye,
Richard Battey,
James O. Inman,
Mary A. Battey,
Salome C. Wheeler,
Eli Jones,
Eliza P. Pierce,
William A. Jones,
Charles F. Coffin,
Augustus F. Cox,
John J. Frye,
Joseph Cartland,
Susan Ann Gifford,
Susan F. Hoxie,
Olney T. Meader,
Peter M. Neal,
Rebecca D. Ewer,
S. Jane Cox.

46. The Committee on Education have presented their Report, as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee on Education have performed no active service this year. The educational event of the year in our Yearly Meeting has been the reconstruction and reopening of Oak Grove Seminary. Its prospects promise more than ever. We recognize with gratitude the generosity of the donors, which makes the future existence of this Institution possible. That they have grace given them to see that it is a good thing to leave such Institutions for the education of children of coming generations. That in sound education of mind and heart lies the hope of the Church, and of social and political society. This example is worthy of imitation.

We have expended no money. We recommend the appropriation of the same sum for next year.

Submitted on behalf of Committee,

AUGUSTINE JONES,
ANNA F. HALL,
CAROLINE JONES.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 15th, 1889.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and the same Committee continued for service another year, with the substitution of Rufus M. Jones in place of Charles H. Jones.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Augustine Jones,
Caroline Jones of Deering, Me.
Anna F. Hall,
Rufus M. Jones,
Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Eli Jones,
Myra E. Frye,
John Ellwood Paige,
Phebe W. Sawtelle,
Ruth S. Murray,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Sarah Marble.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING, THE 19TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

47. The consideration of the Report of the Indian Committee was resumed, after which a collection was taken in aid of the cause amounting to $132.30, which was directed to be placed in the hands of the Committee.

48. Delegates from the late Methodist Episcopal Conference of Maine, and from the Congregational Conference now in session in this city, have brought to this Meeting fraternal greetings from the bodies which they represent.

We welcome and cordially reciprocate these evidences of Christian fellowship from other denominations, and rejoice with them in their work of publishing to a fallen world the glorious gospel of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have also enjoyed the message of Christian sympathy and encouragement from the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Portland. We appoint Eli Jones and Alfred H. Jones to make suitable responses to these messages of love.

49. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions present the following report: According to the decision of this Meeting last year, we have severed our connection with the work at Brumana, Mt. Lebanon, and assumed the entire control of the Mission Station at Ramallah, Palestine. It was with much regret that we thus closed up our work with our dear friends of London Yearly Meeting, with whom we have so long labored in much love and harmony. In doing so, we can truthfully say, that though we have no connection in management of the Mission work, yet our prayerful interest in the welfare of the two stations is still the same. Your Committee assumed control of the work at Ramallah, Seventh Month 1st, 1888, with Dr. George Hesseneur, at the head of the Mission, who remained in that position till Third Month 1st, 1889, when he was obliged to return to England, on account of his wife's health. It seemed to your Committee, in view of some little difficulties, which had arisen, and the importance of securing the titles of the property, etc., that some members of the Committee should visit Ramallah.

Early in First Month, three of our number went out, reaching Ramallah in the Second Month, just before Dr. Hesseneur and wife left for England. Since then the work has been under the immediate care of some member of the Committee. At the present time, our dear friends, Timothy B. Hussey and wife are at Ramallah, in charge of the work, and looking after the interests of the Mission. The articles of agreement, making our exchange with English Friends legal, was signed by our delegation, on their way out to Ramallah, in First Month. We have also secured the titles to all the property at Ramallah, on behalf of the Yearly Meeting, and had them properly recorded at the Turkish Court in Jerusalem. An additional building, 19 x 53 feet, has been erected, in which arrangements are made for a laundry, bake-room with oven, general store-room, and stable. Some slight alterations have been made in the Mission house, so as to accommodate a small Girls' Training Home, until the larger house is built. This has been furnished, with the expectation of opening a training school for ten or twelve girls, Tenth Month 1st, 1889. The schools now in operation are: one for boys, one for girls, and one mixed school. In these about one hundred and twenty-five children are receiving instruction. Since the arrival of our dear sisters, Anna and Sarah Hussey, a great improvement has been manifested in the mothers' meeting, the number in attendance has largely increased, as is also the interest manifested by the mothers, in the teaching and instruction which they receive.

Two meetings for worship are held in the village each Sabbath, and on First and Fifth-day evenings, a Bible Class of about twenty is held, under the instruction of Selim Sardaa, our head teacher in the Boys' School, who is an earnest, faithful, Christian man, and an accepted preacher of the Gospel. Ermina Farquhar, a lady physician of Iowa, having offered herself for the medical work at Ramallah, was accepted by the Committee. We have also secured the services of Huldah H. Leighton for General Superintendent and Matron of the Mission Station. These two sisters will leave for Palestine in about two weeks, and Etta H. Johnston, who has given herself to the work as English teacher, will go out early in the Autumn. The Woman's Foreign Mission Society have assumed the payment of the salaries and expenses of Dr. Farquahar and Etta H. Johnston, as their share of the work. In sending them out as our representatives to that distant land, among the people of an unknown tongue, we ask for them the earnest prayers and sympathy of this Yearly Meeting.

The foundation is laid for a grand work at Ramallah, one that shall tell for good upon the poor benighted people of Palestine. Let us, dear friends of New England, give of our means as God has blessed us, backing them up by our prayers, and God will add His blessing to us, and to the work.

The Committee ask that the Yearly Meeting appropriate the sum of $1,000 for the work of the Mission this year.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

CHAS. M. JONES, *Corresponding Secretary.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 19th, 1889.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Committee of New England Yearly Meeting in account with Timothy B. Hussey, Treasurer.

DR.		
To paid Dr. Geo. Hesseneur	$634 40	
To paid expense for London draft	25	
To paid Wm. C. Allen, Treas., in re-payment for amount sent to Ramallah Mission for current expenses	683 20	
To paid Wm. C. Allen, Treas., in re-payment for sum forwarded for lease of Old Mission House at Ramallah	610 62	
To paid express bill on engraved plates of Ramallah Mission	7 28	
To paid for cablegram from Committee to Dr. Hesseneur	3 92	
To paid for printing Ramallah pamphlets	26 00	
To paid express and postage on pamphlets	3 00	
To paid travelling expenses of one member of Committee to New York, on account of the Ellen Congdon legacy	16 75	
To paid Dr. Hesseneur	488 65	
To paid for general expenses of Ramallah Mission	250 00	
To paid expenses of one member of Committee visiting Ramallah Mission	750 00	
To paid for current expenses of Ramallah Mission for second quarter of 1889	978 50	
To paid expense for London draft	50	
To balance on hand	18 19	
		$4471 26
CR.		
By cash from Boston Monthly Meeting	$4 50	
By cash from Smith's Neck, South Dartmouth Bible School	5 00	
By collection taken at Yearly Meeting	192 98	
By cash from David Kelley and wife	25 00	
By cash from A. C. Collins	10 00	
By check from J. O. Inman	50 00	
By cash from Hopkinton Monthly Meeting	10 00	
By check from J. E. Briggs	25 00	
Amount carried forward,	$322 48	

Amount brought forward,	$322 48
By cash from Hiram Buffinton	10 00
By check from R. H. Smiley	10 00
By cash from B. A. Chase and wife	10 00
By cash from Samuel R. Buffinton	10 00
By cash from Stephen Meader	10 00
By cash from Walter Meader	10 00
By cash from Levi Jones	25 00
By cash from Paul Wing	2 00
By cash from Oliver Meader	10 00
By cash from E. T. Pritchard	5 00
By cash from Azubah Cannon	5 00
By cash from Narcissa Jacob	5 00
By cash from E. Haviland	5 00
By cash from Reuben T. Jones	25 00
By check from Esther Osborne	62 00
By check from two little girls	10 00
By check from Hannah B. Farr	25 00
By check from Edward L. Farr	25 00
By check from Treasurer of Yearly Meeting	750 00
From New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank	850 00
By check from Chas. H. Thorndike	50 00
By check from China Monthly Meeting	1 00
By check from Anna G. Wood	10 00
By check from J. H. Chace	50 00
By check from a Friend	5 00
By check from Timothy B. Hussey	50 00
By check from Gideon Wood	10 00
By check from Lois A. Aldrich, Woonsocket, for her mother, the late Thisby Andrews	200 00
By check from A. F. Cox and wife	50 00
By cash from Sarah M. Evans	3 00
By check from New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank .	700 00
By check from Allen's Neck Bible School	8 00
By check from Juvenile Band of Woonsocket Bible School	45 00
By cash from Sandwich Monthly Meeting	20 00
By check from H. J. Bailey, Treasurer W. F. M. S. . . .	267 61
By check from E. L. Farr	50 00
By check from Falmouth Preparative Meeting	12 00
By check from Bolton Monthly Meeting	3 50
By check from Providence Monthly Meeting	60 00
By check from Swansea Monthly Meeting	13 00
By check from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	18 25
By cash from Eli Jones	5 00
By cash from Westport Monthly Meeting	6 00
Lynn Preparative Meeting	50 00
Amount carried forward,	$3873 84

Amount brought forward,	$3873 84	
Salem Preparative Meeting and Bible School	11 00	
By check from Friends in Worcester	41 00	
By check from Anna B. Macomber	2 25	
By cash from Greenwich Monthly Meeting	1 00	
By check from Smith's Neck Bible School	5 00	
By check from Worcester Bible School	25 00	
By check from Uxbridge	1 17	
By check from Portland Meeting	11 00	
By check from New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank .	500 00	
		$4471 26

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY, *Treasurer.*

The Report was accepted by the Meeting, and the Committee continued for service another year, with the addition of Robert P. Gifford and Ruth S. Murray.

The sum of $303.01 was collected by voluntary contribution for the current expenses of the Mission. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year, and the said contributions are desired to be made as early as the First Month, next year.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Eli Jones,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
William Thompson,
Susan T. Thompson,
George Howland, Jr.,
Anna G. Wood,
Charles M. Jones,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
S. Caroline Tobey,
Mary A. Chase,
Huldah H. Leighton,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Addie F. Chace,
Eli Jepson,
Ezra Hawkes,
Alice W. Hawkes,
Harriet D. Collins,
Eliza Taber,
Eliza P. Varney,
Mary W. Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Anna M. Hussey
Elizabeth K. Jones,
Charles A. Chace,
Phebe W. Sawtelle,
Mabel G. Bailey,
Elwood A. Bailey,
Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Herbert A. Skinner,
Ruth S. Murray,
Robert P. Gifford.

50. This Meeting having been informed that the Deed of Conveyance, or title to the property at Ramallah, belonging to this Yearly Meeting, has been duly executed and recorded at Jerusalem,

in the names of Charles M. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey and Robert P. Gifford, we do now appoint the said Charles M. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey and Robert P. Gifford, trustees, to hold said estate now conveyed, and all other property at Ramallah, which may in future belong to this Yearly Meeting, subject to the direction of this Meeting. And we do hereby ratify the action already taken, with reference to the property at Ramallah.

51. The Committee having the care of Oak Grove Seminary the past year, have presented their Annual Report, viz.: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee in care of Oak Grove Seminary, report that the past year has been a very successful one. The attendance has been better than was expected at the opening of the school year.

Number of pupils at the Autumn Term	102
Winter Term	97
Spring Term	94
Total	293

At the opening of the school in the Autumn, it seemed best to the Committee to hold a meeting for worship on First and Fourth-day mornings, in Bailey Hall, under the immediate care of the Principal of the school. This arrangement has been much blessed to the teachers and scholars. The religious interest during the year has been exceptionally good, and many among the scholars have found forgiveness of their sins through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time of our last report there was in process of erection suitable buildings for the accommodation of the school. These were completed and furnished in Eighth Month, 1889. No expense being spared to make all the appointments of the institution strictly first-class. The total cost of the new building, furnishing and improvements, was about $22,000. At a meeting of the Committee, held at the time of the formal opening of the Institution, on Ninth Month 5th, 1888, our dear friend Charles M. Bailey made the following proposition: — That if the Yearly Meeting would increase the amount then in the treasury to $20,000, to be invested as an endowment fund, the income to be used for the running expenses of the school, he would assume the total cost of the school buildings and furnishings, and present it free of debt to New England Yearly Meeting.

We fully appreciate this liberal offer, and have taken steps to secure the needed $20,000; $17,000 of the amount is secured, and we hope the Yearly Meeting, taking the same view of this generous offer, will take steps to secure the remaining $3,000.

Our dear friend, Charles H. Jones, who has so faithfully and ably acted as Principal of the Institution, since it came under the care of the Yearly Meeting, in Ninth Month, 1888, expressed his desire to withdraw from any further connection with the Institution, at the close of the school year. The Committee were united in their desire of retaining his services as Principal of the school, but were unable to do so. We were fortunate in securing the services of Rufus M. Jones and wife, who, with a competent corps of assistants, will assume direction of the same at the opening of the school year.

The terms of the school, and rates of tuition will be the same as last year. Catalogues will be issued in a short time, giving full information in reference to the terms and conditions of admission. All applications for same should be addressed to RUFUS M. JONES, Principal, Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro, Me.

On behalf of the Committee,

C. M. JONES, *Clerk.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 17th, 1889.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$6,456 67	
Received from Maine State Treasurer	600 00	
Total amount received by subscription	3,116 69	
Amount received from Charles H. Jones for board	2,532 71	
Amount received from loans interest	98 72	
		$12,804 79

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Chas. H. Jones for current expenses of School,	$3,724 45	
Rent of building, estate of Ebenezer Frye	64 00	
Freight bill	203 52	
For grading and building well and putting in pump	440 00	
Premium on insurance	500 00	
Balance in hands of Treasurer	7872 82	
		$12,804 79

J. E. BRIGGS, *Treasurer.*

Amount of the Sibyl Jones Fund deposited in Augusta Savings Bank 574 09

We have examined the foregoing account and found it correct.

C. M. JONES,
JOHN J. FRYE,
AUGUSTUS F. COX.

The Report is accepted and approved by the Meeting, and the Committee now under appointment is continued for service another year, with the substitution of Anna F. Hall in place of Mary W. Jones. Joseph E. Briggs is reappointed Treasurer.

COMMITEEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY.

Charles M. Bailey,
Eli Jones,
C. Irving Bailey,
Charles M. Jones,
Augustine Jones,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Benj. F. Knowles,
John J. Frye.
Joseph T. Richardson,
Ezra Hawkes,
John H. Crosman,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Arthur Taber,
Frank E. Jones,
John F. Chase,
Alfred H. Jones,
Augustus F. Cox,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Susan T. Thompson,
Myra E. Frye,
Huldah H. Leighton,
Ruthanna H. Nichols,
Mary E. Richardson,
Harriet L. Hoxie,
S. Jane Cox,
Harriet D. Collins,
Mary Ann Hoxie,
Julia E. Winslow,
Emma S. Briggs,
C. Alice Jones,
Mary E. Taber,
Sarah Marble,
Eliza P. Pierce,
Anna F. Hall.

Treasurer,

Joseph E. Briggs, of Winthrop, Me.

52. The following proposition was contained in the Report of the Committee of Oak Grove Seminary, viz.: — "Our dear friend Charles M. Bailey proposes that if the Yearly Meeting would increase the amount then in the Treasury of the Institution to $20,000, to be invested as an Endowment Fund, the income to be used for the running expenses of the School, he would assume the total cost of the School buildings and furnishings, and present them free of debt to New England Yearly Meeting." This noble proposition was accepted by the Meeting, and we assume the responsibility of the $3,000 necessary to complete the Endowment Fund of $20,000. The following named Friends are appointed a Committee to solicit subscriptions for this object, and report to the Representative Meeting, viz.: — Phebe S. Aydelott, Olney T. Meader, Gideon Wood, John Hacker Hall, Isaac Steere, Alfred H. Jones, William P. Jenkins, George B. Wing and Phebe L. Pope.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions this afternoon at 3 o'clk.

Afternoon.—The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

53. Epistles to London, Indiana, and Western Yearly Meetings, also a joint Epistle to New York Yearly Meeting, and one to Brumana Monthly Meeting, having been read and approved, the Clerk was directed to sign and forward them, also those read yesterday, to those Meetings respectively.

54. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, etc., have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz. : —

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$1,648 96	
For note to Merchants National Bank	981 21	
Book of Discipline sold	50	
Proceeds of note discounted at Massasoit National Bank	1,471 81	
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	920 00	
Sandwich “ “	1,200 00	
Smithfield “ “	200 00	
Falmouth “ “	200 00	
Dover “ “	140 00	
Fairfield “ “	400 00	
Parsonsfield “ “	60 00	
Salem “ “	680 00	
Vassalboro “ “	200 00	
Dividend from Eagle National Bank	70 00	
“ “ New Bedford Savings Bank	24 00	
		$8,196 48

PAYMENTS.

Expenses of Yearly Meeting at Newport, 1888	$625 00	
Printing, copying, etc.	795 39	
Committee on Temperance	200 00	
Aid of a Friend in British Provinces	100 00	
Committee on Bible Schools	75 00	
Syrian Mission	750 00	
Freedmen	600 00	
Western Indians	525 00	
Gospel Work	300 00	
Loan of Merchants National Bank	1,000 00	
“ Massasoit National Bank	1,500 00	
	$6,470 39	
Balance in hands of Treasurer	1,726 09	
		$8,196 48

INCOME OF BOSTON MEETING-HOUSE FUND.

Balance from last year	$1,439 44	
Received for coupons	450 00	
Received dividends from Savings Bank	60 44	
		$1,949 88
Paid rent of Wesleyan Hall	$350 00	
Balance in Treasurer's hands	1,599 88	
		$1,949 88

We recommend that the sum of four thousand dollars be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting, and we nominate Samuel R. Buffinton for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

For the Committee,

SAMUEL BUFFUM.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and Samuel R. Buffinton, is appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed; and this Meeting also directs that it be paid into the Treasury on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

55. The Representatives to whom was referred the proposition from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in relation to a new apportionment report as follows, viz.: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Representatives have conferred together, and are united in recommending that the apportionment of stock be allotted to the several Quarterly Meetings as follows, viz.:—

Rhode Island	24	per cent.
Salem	17½	
Sandwich	20	
Falmouth	8	
Smithfield	6	
Vassalboro	5½	
Dover	5	
Fairfield	12	
Parsonsfield	2	
	100	

OWEN DAME, *Clerk.*

Portland, Sixth Month 19th, 1889.

Which is approved by the Meeting, Women Friends concurring.

56. The Committee on Finance report as follows, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Finance recommend that the following appropriations be made from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting.

For Associated Committee on Western Indians	$525 00
Bible Schools	100 00
Education	50 00
Foreign Missions	750 00
Freedmen	700 00
Gospel Work	300 00
Peace	25 00
Temperance	200 00
Aid to a Friend from the British Provinces	100 00
	$2,750 00

For the Committee,

OWEN DAME.

Portland, Sixth Month 19th, 1889.

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Rhode Island,	Samuel R. Buffinton.
Salem,	Owen Dame,
Sandwich,	George Howland, Jr.
Falmouth,	Augustus F. Cox.
Smithfield,	Richard Battey.
Vassalboro,	William A. Jones.
Dover,	Timothy B. Hussey.
Fairfield,	Levi Jones.
Parsonsfield,	Silas H. Cartland.

57. The Committee on Peace have presented their Annual Report, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee have been deeply interested in the subject of their appointment. Although they have not been directly engaged in holding public peace meetings, yet some of them have been in the way to encourage others to do so.

Very much good can be done in creating a right sentiment upon this subject, by circulating good peace literature and in social conversation with our neighbors, and others with whom we may be brought in daily contact.

Since our last report there has been no abatement of interest taken by prominent statesmen of Italy, France, England, and our own beloved country, in continuing to be actively engaged in enlightening public opinion, and devising some way to create a High Court of Arbitration, where all international questions, that cannot be diplomatically settled, may be amicably adjusted and thus avoid a deadly conflict upon the battle-field. Never before have so many statesmen and other prominent men, who are moulders of public opinion, been so actively engaged in this subject.

The Peace International Conference, now in session at Paris, is an evidence strengthening our hope that the day may not be far distant when the implements now used to destroy men's lives, and make enemies of nations, will be changed to implements of industry, used to increase man's temporal blessings.

For the Committee,

B. F. KNOWLES.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 19th, 1889.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same Committee is continued for service another year, with the substitution of Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland in the place of Charles H. and H. Elizabeth Jones, who are about to remove from our limits.

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

Benjamin F. Knowles,	Sarah J. Swift,
Asa C. Tuttle,	Anna F. Hall,
Samuel R. Buffinton,	Annie M. Ray,
Eli Jones,	Louisa P. Hoag,
Joseph Cartland,	Gertrude W. Cartland.

58. The Joint Committee on returning Minutes have presented the following on behalf of our beloved Friend Henry Stanley Newman, which is approved by this and the Women's Meeting, as follows, viz. :—

"To the Monthly Meeting of Herefordshire and Radnorshire, Western Quarterly Meeting, and the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of London Yearly Meeting —

DEAR FRIENDS:

Our beloved friend Henry Stanley Newman very acceptably attended this Meeting. His ministry of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ amongst us has been sound and edifying, to the comfort and instruction of the Church."

The Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

59. The Clerk is also directed to sign on behalf of this Meeting the following Minute for our friend Seneca H. Stevens, viz.: "Our beloved friend, Seneca H. Stevens, acceptably attended this Meeting bearing your certificate," and similar ones for Mary G. Underhill, Hannah T. Pratt, Daniel Hill, Joseph Moore, Amos M. Kenworthy, Mary J. H. Chappell, John Fry, William Wetherald, Jesse W. Willmore, Phebe E. Johnson, Abby M. Fry and Anna S. Leggett.

60. The Committee appointed last year to attend the opening of Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting, report that they were all present except one, and that the occasion was one of mutual interest and satisfaction.

61. The appointment of a person as a member of a Committee, and the publishing of it in our printed Minutes, will be considered official notice of his appointment.

62. We appoint the following Committee to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, which now are or may then be under appointment, viz.: —

Samuel R. Buffinton,
Levi Jones,
Thomas Wood,
Augustus F. Cox,
Robert P. Gifford,
Ezra Hawkes,
Charles M. Jones.
Myra E. Frye,
Sarah J. Swift,
Sarah D. Brown,
Susan Peckham.

63. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed; and the clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand two hundred copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

64. Having been favored to meet together once more in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, we recognize the protecting care of our Father in Heaven, not only in sparing our lives amid the varied vicissitudes of life, and in the giving of health and opportunity, but also in inclining our hearts to lay aside our business and other pressing cares of life — to meet with our brethren and unite our efforts in transacting the affairs of the church. We acknowledge,

with gratitude, that as we have humbly sought wisdom from above, we have been enabled to transact the business claiming our attention in a large measure of love and unity.

We now conclude, proposing to meet again at Newport, R. I., at the established time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

NOTE. — The Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting are: —
George Howland, Jr., New Bedford, Mass.
Joseph Cartland, Newburyport, Mass.

MINUTES

OF

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1889.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 14th, 1889.

By accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.: —

From Rhode Island. — Rachel Anthony, Sarah J. Hanson, Electa J. Collins, Phebe R. Gifford, Phebe S. Aydelott, Esther Chace, Catharine Green, M. Augusta Battey and Mary W. Collins.

From Salem. — Gertrude W. Cartland, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Phebe H. Buxton, Mary J. Rogers, Sarah V. Purinton, Elizabeth W. Swan, Martha C. Jepson, Tacie P. Hawkes, Jr., Huldah G. Buxton, Zillah Binns and Lydia C. Neal.

From Sandwich. — Rebecca D. Ewer, Ruth L. Smith, Alice R. Howland, Mary C. Baylies, Lydia B. Dillingham, Hettie K. Davis, Mary Haffard, Hannah R. Gifford, Elizabeth A. Taylor, Olive D. Howland, Rachel S. Howland, Anna G. Wood, Susan F. Hoxie, Charity G. Chace and Susan B. Kirby.

From Falmouth. — Abbie J. Cook, Phebe P. Jones, Ellen C. Jones, S. Jane Cox, Lydia M. Pope, Ellen C. Nichols, Lucy J. Lunt, Lucy R. Goddard, Emma M. Newell, Ellen F. Maxfield and Nora Hawkes.

From Smithfield. — Mary A. Battey, Hannah Sprague, Abigail Wheeler, Sarah J. Swift, Susan E. Wheeler, Salome C. Wheeler and Susan Ann Gifford.

From Vassalboro. — Peace Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, Etta S. Cates, Ruthanna H. Nichols, Eliza J. Jones, Emily S. Weeks, Mary R. Jones, Mary C. Jones, Mary E. Philbrook, Hannah T. Jenkins and Elizabeth K. Jones.

FROM DOVER. — Hannah W. Meader, Lydia E. Jenkins, Almira B. Buffum, Huldah S. Buffum, Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Harriet Ricker and Emeline H. Tuttle.

FROM FAIRFIELD. — Hannah J. Bailey, Mary C. Hawkes, Lavinia M. Briggs, Mary G. Winslow, Emma S. Briggs, Mary W. Jones and Hattie Philbrick.

FROM PARSONSFIELD. — Eunice D. Cartland, Lydia A. Cartland, Julia A. Remick, Elizabeth H. Cobb and Mary D. Goddard.

The names of the Representatives being called they were present except sixteen, for the absence of eight of whom sufficient reasons were given.

Epistles from our dear sisters of Dublin, Canada, New York, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana have been read. The reading of the remainder is referred to a future sitting. We appoint nine Friends, one from each Quarterly Meeting, to nominate a Committee on Correspondence, and report to a subsequent Meeting.

Our beloved Friend Henry Stanley Newman, a minister from England, is in attendance of this Meeting, with certificates from the Monthly Meeting of Herefordshire and Radnorshire, endorsed by Western Quarterly Meeting, and also a Minute from London Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held in London Sixth Month 1st, 1888, all expressing deep sympathy and unity with him in his extensive service. We cordially welcome his coming, and trust his labors amongst us may be blessed, and a rich reward of peace be granted to himself.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends, Seneca H. Stevens, Mary G. Underhill and Hannah T. Pratt, from New York Yearly Meeting; Daniel Hill and Joseph Moore from Indiana Yearly Meeting; Amos M. Kenworthy and Mary J. H. Chappell from Western Yearly Meeting; John Fry and Evi Sharpless from Iowa Yearly Meeting; William Wetherald from Canada Yearly Meeting, and Jesse W. Willmore from Kansas Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory Minutes from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

We have also the acceptable company of Phebe E. Johnson, an Elder, Anna S. Leggett, companion to Mary G. Underhill, and Abbie M. Fry, an Elder, companion to her husband, John Fry, all with satisfactory Minutes from their own Monthly Meetings.

We appoint the following named Friends to unite with a similar Committee from the Men's Meeting, to prepare and produce to a future sitting, returning Minutes, as way may open, for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings, with Minutes addressed to this Meeting, viz: — Rebecca D. Ewer, Gertrude W. Cartland, Eliza P. Pierce, Phebe S. Aydelott and Narcissa Jacob.

The Representatives were requested to meet at the rise of this Meeting, and propose to our Afternoon Session the name of a Friend for Clerk, and also the names of two for Assistant Clerks of this Meeting.

We have met in our Annual Assembly under the shadow of a great public calamity, and our hearts have been drawn into sympathy with the suffering and the bereaved. While in the good Providence of God our lives have been mercifully spared, we have desired to dedicate them with all the powers of our being, afresh and anew, to His service, that His design in our creation may be accomplished and His name be glorified.

We adjourn to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Met according to adjournment.

Gertrude W. Cartland, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing Anna G. Wood for Clerk, Ruth S. Murray for Assistant Clerk, and Alice W. Maxfield as Reader, which nominations being united with they were appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The remaining epistles from our dear sisters of Western, Kansas and Iowa, also one from our fellow-believers on Mt. Lebanon, have been read, and are truly acceptable.

The Nominating Committee, appointed this morning to bring forward the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence, have presented the following, viz.: — Gertrude W. Cartland, Sarah D. Brown, Susan A. Gifford, Alice W. Maxfield, Susan Peckham, Salome C. Wheeler, Tacie P. Hawkes, Jr., Eloise A. Haffard, Elizabeth W. Swan, Ellen A. Winslow, Lucy A. Snow, Martha Hoag, Emily Jones and Lydia Gifford, who being approved by the Meeting are appointed to that service.

In the Reports from our different Quarterly Meetings, we find that many changes have occurred in them during the past year. Some of the aged friends have been gathered as shocks of corn fully ripe. May those who are left behind press forward in the service of the Master, that so the work may still be carried on to His glory.

In connection with the Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting, we have received and read their proposition in regard to the formation of a central Missionary Board, which, being carefully considered, we are united, in concurrence with Men Friends, in referring the subject to our next Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed last year to consider a proposition with reference to the establishment of a Conference of Yearly Meetings, have presented their Report, which has been accepted by this Meeting in concurrence with Men Friends. [*See* p. 8.]

The Report of the Committee having the disposal of the income arising from the Mosher Fund, has been received and read, and is acceptable to us. We unite with Men Friends in the re-appointment of the same Committee who served last year. [*See* p. 10.]

We adjourn to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SEVENTH-DAY MORNING THE 15TH. — Met according to adjournment.

The following named Friends were appointed to prepare a Summary of the Answers to the Queries, viz.: — Sarah J. Hanson, Elizabeth C. Wing, Deborah W. Crosman, Hannah T. Jenkins and Mary J. Rogers.

The Records of the Representative Meeting for the past year have been laid before us, read and approved.

The statistical accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings have been read. Many interesting and helpful thoughts were called forth, and practical suggestions made in regard to the training of our children, and the building up of the church. [*See* p. 9.]

We adjourn to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 o'clock. [*See* p. 13.]

THIRD-DAY MORNING THE 18TH. — Met in separate session according to adjournment.

A Summary of the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings was read, and a consideration of the State of Society entered upon. The Summary was as follows:

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

Answer 1. All the Quarterly Meetings but two report some Meetings omitted on account of inclement weather and other circumstances. Those on First-day are well attended. Mid-week Meetings are neglected by many. The hour nearly observed.

Ans. 2. Love and unity are maintained by nearly all our members. Detraction is guarded against with few exceptions. Care has been taken to end differences when they arise.

Ans. 3. We think there is not that living concern with all our members, to maintain a religious life and conversation that truth requires. We trust there is a desire on the part of parents to bring up their children in accordance with our Christian profession.

Ans. 4. The Holy Scriptures are read in most Friends' families, individually and collectively, and our children are encouraged in this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is generally maintained.

Ans. 5. Clear as regards the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. With a few exceptions Friends are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, and to observe moderation in all things.

Ans. 6. Nearly clear in the several parts of this query.

Ans. 7. Clear excepting a few cases in regard to oaths.

Ans. 8. The requirements of this query are observed with a few exceptions.

Ans. 9. Not quite clear as to records. Some removals without certificates.

Ans. 10. The discipline is not always administered as timely as would be best, but when done, we believe it has been in Christian tenderness and impartially.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

The importance of earnestness in the performance of little duties was dwelt upon, and we were reminded that "our spiritual advancement was intimately connected with our daily faithfulness." We may be looking out for some great service, forgetting that

"The trivial round, the daily task
Will furnish all we ought to ask,
Room to deny ourselves, a road
That brings us daily nearer God."

Let the Lord's work come first, and as this is lovingly attended to, strength will be given for all other necessary duties.

Under the Gospel a great privilege is given to woman. Entrusted with talents to be used for the Master, she, equally with man, is called and anointed to preach the glad tidings of salvation. As our eye is singly upon the Lord, without querying what shall this one do, clear and explicit direction will be given. Look not at your own weakness, or littleness, or feebleness, but look to Jesus, and He will supply all your need. As we are so consecrated to the Lord that he can be enthroned in our hearts, He will rule our lives to His glory. Let there be sunshine in the home circle, an outward expression of the love in the hearts of the parents and children. Do not be afraid to manifest the affection felt, nor reserve the tokens of love and sympathy for our families or friends until they are beyond our reach. Better encourage the living than cast wreaths upon the graves. In this age of business competition, the husbands and fathers may be so pressed with their cares and perplexities, that their spiritual growth may be hindered. Is there not a duty resting upon us to endeavor to lighten their labors by a careful attention to our expenditures, that no extravagance or carelessness on our part may be the means of causing them to be burdened in this way?

While we are earnest in our efforts to give our children a liberal education, and encourage them to cultivate the talents bestowed upon them, may we be equally careful of their best interests. Show them that education affects the spiritual as well as the mental powers, and that life only is complete in which all the powers are held as from God to be used for Him.

Some of our sisters have been so blessed of the Lord as to have immortal souls committed to their care. Take heart, dear mothers, it is true there must be

> "Some pang laid down for each new human life,
> Some weariness in guarding such a life,"

but there is a rich reward in the consciousness that your need will be supplied, and among those under your care there may go out earnest, faithful laborers who shall carry on the work of the Lord.

A desire having been expressed by several Friends that an Epistle to our sick and afflicted members, who are not permitted to meet with us, should be prepared, Narcissa Jacob, Ruth S. Murray and Alice W. Maxfield are appointed to attend to that service.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. — Met pursuant to adjournment.

A loving Epistle from our dear sisters of London Yearly Meeting, which has just reached us, has been read and is truly acceptable to us.

The Committee appointed to carry forward the work of Temperance in our Yearly Meeting have presented a Report [*see* p. 33], which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and we are glad to note that progress has been made in the work. The same Committee is reappointed for service the ensuing year.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society have presented their Fifth Annual Report, viz. : —

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS:

Through the mercies of a loving Father, we have been permitted to make our fifth annual report, and we gratefully acknowledge the opportunities for service and the fresh tokens of His presence and blessing.

Twenty-five auxiliaries have sent reports, having an aggregate membership of four hundred and seventy-five. Meetings have been generally held regularly, and six public missionary conferences have been held; valuable essays were read and discussed, greatly increasing local interest. The different mission fields that have received assistance are those at Ramallah, Iowa and Kickapoo Indians, India, Japan, Alaska and Jamaica.

Contributions of clothing, etc., from thirteen auxiliaries, and money from two were received for a box to be sent to Ramallah. The box was packed and forwarded Tenth Month 13th of last year. Through the kindness of the Cunard Steamship Company, it was taken to Liverpool free of charge. We have assumed a large proportion of the work for women and girls in the Eli and Sybil Jones Mission, and in this we have the loving coöperation of our sisters of Iowa Yearly Meeting.

The three departments of Junior and Juvenile Work, General Literature, and Systematic Christian Giving have been adopted this year, with great advance in interest on these lines of work, as will be seen by the reports from the several Superintendents.

Rhode Island. — Sarah Caroline Tobey, Vice President. We find that our membership numbers precisely the same as last year, although scarcely any children are on it now, having joined the Juvenile Bands instead. The work of the past year has been almost wholly devoted to Ramallah, and the Iowa and Kickapoo Missions. Not that less interest is felt in others, but from the realization that more could be accomplished by concentration than by greater division of our strength. Sewing meetings have been held in most of our auxiliaries, which has tended to keep our interest warm and active. Realizing that earnest work is still before us, we desire to press on with unabated energy, ever ready to do the Master's work.

Salem. — Anna M. Gove, Vice President. Reports from the auxiliaries give evidence of faithful and earnest work. Those in the country labor under some discouragement, because only a small proportion of their members are able to meet regularly. All but one report a slight gain in membership. Much the same means for raising our money has been used as last year. One auxiliary speaks of eight members having adopted envelopes for systematic giving, and another reports very satisfactory results from personal solicitation among Friends. Still another realized quite a generous sum from distributing envelopes, then holding a social tea with literary exercises, after which the envelopes were opened and the quotations with each read to the company.

Our methods of work are improving. Many are learning lessons of self-denial for the good of others. Our ability to do business on business principles is being developed, so that we have only to "be strong and very courageous" in order to go in and possess the lands of heathendom for our Lord and Master.

Sandwich. — Mary Jane Gifford, Vice President. It was nearly nineteen hundred years ago that our Saviour told His disciples to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and if He permits us to remain at home, is it not incumbent upon us to give of the means with which He has entrusted us to send the gospel to those who sit in darkness? Have we done it? Are we doing it? One auxiliary reports that they feel encouraged, and testify that they have received even sixty-fold for the little their hands have done.

One auxiliary suspended for the winter and another has met only when specially called together. Our workers are very few. Oh! that some trumpet tone might arouse those who are careless in this respect.

Falmouth. — Myra E. Frye, Vice President. The work of the W. F. M. S. has steadily progressed during the year. We have an auxiliary in each Monthly Meeting, and from the reports we find Windham and Falmouth have held meetings regularly except short vacations, and Durham reports meetings held regularly with but two exceptions.

Seven quilts and several garments and useful articles have been prepared for the new home at Ramallah. The junior and juvenile band of Portland has sent three hundred cards with other useful articles to Lizzie Test and Mary A. Sherman to be used for the Indians. From frequent visits to the auxiliaries we find that much the same is experienced. In each, the Master is calling loudly for more dedication of heart and life. Many are heeding the call and doubling their diligence, and no opposition seems to turn them aside from serving the Master by every effort in their power.

Smithfield. — Salome C. Wheeler, Vice President. The auxiliary at Woonsocket reports that meetings have been held monthly, with an increasing membership, and there are indications that a strong missionary spirit exists there. The auxiliary at Bolton has labored under some difficulties, but a permanent organization has now been effected, and a good degree of interest is reported.

Vassalboro. — H. Elizabeth Jones, Vice President. The auxiliary at Vassalboro could not hold meetings regularly during the winter, but the members still keep up their interest. The method has been adopted of contributing birthday gifts for mission work, each member giving as many pennies as represent her age in years, as a thank-offering for having been born in a Christian land.

China auxiliary has sustained meetings regularly, and a large number of the brethren manifest a practical interest in our mission work. Collections were solicited from the Bible schools of the Quarterly Meeting in the stated months, the first for our work in Ramallah, and the second in loving memory of our late brother, Frank Modoc, whose Christian influence will live to future generations. Our far-away friends of Maple

Grove, Aroostook Co., have made a donation for our mission work. No new auxiliaries have been organized during the year.

Dover. — Anna M. Hussey, Vice President. Our three auxiliaries of last year are now reduced to one. One Monthly Meeting having a good working auxiliary has been transferred to another Quarterly Meeting, and one auxiliary has discontinued its meetings. That remaining at North Berwick has met regularly with good attendance. Missionary leaflets have been sold and distributed; the meetings made interesting by selections of reading and original essays, while the work of busy fingers has aided in keeping our treasury replenished. One evening was profitably and pleasantly spent in listening to an account of the work among the Indians by Myra E. Frye. We have also followed with great interest our friends who are now visiting our new mission at Ramallah.

Fairfield. — Phebe Wing Sawtelle, Vice President. We have two auxiliaries at St. Albans and Winthrop. The former, with only twenty-seven Friends residing there, reports twelve in the auxiliary, showing a commendable interest. A valuable Christmas box has been sent to Ramallah, and another is nearly ready.

Individuals in the Quarterly Meeting have contributed for the support of two girls for one year in the Rachel Metcalf Mission in India, and contributions have been made to other missions.

Parsonsfield. — Elizabeth G. Meader, Vice President. Our auxiliaries have shown much interest; one organized during the year has taken hold of the work with great earnestness, which has proved a great blessing to themselves as well as others. The meetings are made more interesting by the reading of missionary articles and extracts, while busy hands are employed in needlework. Although we regret that so little has been accomplished, yet we feel that the Lord is willing to bless the little as well as the much, which is done in His name.

Our Corresponding Secretary reports that through the Iowa W. F. M. S., Dr. Elmina Farquhar has offered her services to the Committee as medical missionary.

Our missionaries at the Kickapoo and Iowa missions are faithfully at work. During the last six months they have kept up the school and meeting almost alone, planned and superintended their building, visited and cared for the sick in the camps, besides doing their own housework and boarding the workmen.

Theirs is a mission requiring a special endowment of faith and patience. It is not a field ripe unto the harvest, but a soil requiring ploughing and harrowing as well as seed sowing. These two tribes are among the most uncivilized in the Indian Territory, and yet all agree that they must not be left alone as they exert a bad influence upon all the others. We may be cheered with the thought that if there has been no marked success, but for our efforts there would have been absolutely no light in this heathen darkness.

The Missionary Advocate is not entirely self-supporting, and it is very desirable that our superintendents of literature will make a strong effort to secure the circulation of this valuable paper.

Most earnestly would we press upon our auxiliaries the necessity of confining our efforts at this time upon the two missions claiming our support, viz.: Ramallah and the Kickapoo and Iowa Indians. We have taken these obligations upon ourselves, and they must be met or the cause will suffer.

The Juvenile Superintendents will find five very needy little girls at the Eli and Sybil Jones Mission, and several bands could unite in the support of one.

STATISTICS OF THE W. F. M. S.

	Number of Auxiliaries.	Number of Members.
Rhode Island,	6	118
Salem,	4	107
Sandwich,	3	34
Falmouth,	3	53
Smithfield,	2	43
Vassalboro,	2	33
Dover,	1	13
Fairfield,	2	39
Parsonsfield,	2	35
Total,	25	475

ALICE W. MAXFIELD, *Rec. Secretary.*

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 18th, 1889.

JUNIOR AND JUVENILE DEPARTMENT OF MISSON WORK.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports three Juvenile Bands formed in the last Missionary year. That at Newport has eleven members. Their meetings are held once in two weeks during nine months of the year. They have earned by sale of articles the sum of $45.43, which with their membership fees and some donations amounts to $49.83. They take for a paper "The Little Missionary."

The Band at Portsmouth has twenty-one members. Their meetings are held once in two weeks during eleven months of the year. They have raised, by public and private sales, the sum of $55.37, which with their membership fees amounts to $57.47. They take for papers "The Little Missionary" and "The Dayspring."

The Band at Swansea has but lately been organized. It has ten members and a good promise for the future.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports one Junior and two Juvenile Bands. The Junior Band at Lynn consists of nine members. They meet every month, use the Uniform Lessons, and have occasional readings from some Missionary Biography. They have raised money by various methods, one of which was a Missionary Tea, at which they had free-will collections in envelopes, with quotations on Mission work. They have had some aid from the Sabbath School, and, including their regular collections, have raised the sum of $26.10. They have prepared articles for a box sent to Ramallah, and hope soon to have some definite work in the education of a child in India, or elsewhere.

A Juvenile Band has recently been formed in Amesbury. It is under the direct oversight of the local Superintendent, has ten members, and a hopeful outlook for the future.

A little Juvenile Band of four members is started in Salem. They meet fifteen minutes before the Sabbath School once a month, have their own officers and earn their pennies themselves.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports there seems to be no opening for Juvenile Department at present, as there are but very few children.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports one Junior and Juvenile Band at Portland. It has fifteen active and three honorary members. They meet once a month and have been working for the Kickapoo Indians. They have raised the sum of $11.25. Some of this has been earned by the members, some obtained from their parents, and some of it set apart from their regular allowance of spending money.

A Mission Band in Durham is just organized.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports a Juvenile Band at Woonsocket of twenty-nine members. They have raised the sum of $51.15 during the year. This, with the exception of membership fees, was obtained by a sale last Fall. Forty-five dollars were sent to Ramallah. The Corresponding Secretary writes that the children here are much interested and getting a good understanding of the object of Mission work.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports one Juvenile Band formed in the past year at China. It has eight members. Some Juvenile Missionary papers are taken, and the children are at work on articles for a sale.

Dover Quarterly Meeting, where there are but few children, reports no Bands established. One local Superintendent has been appointed.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports no Bands established.

Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting has one Juvenile Band of ten members at North Sandwich.

Most of the Quarterly Meetings report that where there are no Junior Bands formed the young ladies are interested in the regular Auxiliaries.

By the establishment of this department of Junior and Juvenile Mission Bands, we have gained in money the sum of $197.80. But we are powerless to estimate the value of that which is more precious than gold. As the children and young people are taught to set apart some of their time and their money, to send the message of the Gospel to the heathen, we see in them the development of loving kindness in the little acts of self-sacrifice for the good of others. It is indeed a blessed thing that their minds may be turned from the petty gossip, and all that in any way belittles and dwarfs their every-day life, into that which shall make them and their life-work purer and nobler.

Some of us who are older have learned by experience that some of our ways of doing Mission work were not the best, after all, and we bespeak for the children such a wise instruction in these matters that they in time may take our places, more "thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

SARAH D. BROWN,
Supt. of Junior and Juvenile Dept.

DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE.

The office of Superintendent of Literature is so new in our Society that the work this first year has been necessarily imperfect.

Of our twenty-five auxiliaries, nine have appointed local Superintendents of Literature. Through these, or through the Quarterly Meetings' Vice Presidents, the following facts have been gathered in regard to the spread of Missionary intelligence and interest in the Yearly Meeting.

One hundred and eighty-eight of our members subscribe to the Missionary Advocate. Six other Missionary periodicals are taken either by auxiliaries or by individual members, including Friend of Missions: The Missionary Link, published by the Woman's Union Missionary Society of New York, Gospel in all Lands, one Baptist, and one Methodist magazine and the Missionary Day-Spring. In seven auxiliaries the Uniform Lessons of the Advocate have been used during the whole or a part of the year.

One auxiliary has a Missionary library of ten volumes; five have Missionary books or bound magazines in their Bible school libraries, and one auxiliary has started a Missionary scrap-book.

In several auxiliaries public meetings have been held at which essays and letters were read and sometimes lectures delivered. One auxiliary gives a monthly Missionary supper, charging a small admission fee, in connection with which there is speaking and reading on Missionary subjects.

One auxiliary has distributed over four thousand four hundred pages of Missionary literature. Upwards of twelve hundred essay leaflets, furnished by our Treasurer, Hannah J. Bailey, have been sent to the different auxiliaries, and a large number of these have been sold to members and others, but much of the expense of printing them still remains uncancelled. This subject of the distribution and sale of leaflets seems to demand thoughtful consideration on the part of the Executive Board before entering upon the work of another year.

The "nickel" collection for the Literature Fund has amounted thus far to $7.20.

Very respectfully submitted,

SUSAN PECKHAM, *Supt. of Literature.*

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sixth Month 1st, 1889.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF LITERATURE.

Soon after my appointment, I was instructed to write to each vice president, and to ask them to encourage local societies to appoint superintendents of this department. After some delay this was attended to, and a part, but not all, of the societies have responded. Fifteen dozen of E. T. Pritchard's tracts on "Systematic Giving," have been distributed, and three hundred of a tract written by a layman on the same subject. Also a large number of other tracts touching upon the subject of giving.

In one Meeting the two first-named with one entitled the "Story of the Bees," were placed in an envelope, and sent to each family in the Meeting, hoping that in this way they might be more prayerfully considered. But few Superintendents have reported, but a lively interest in the work has been shown by some.

One says, "I have distributed two thousand two hundred and twenty-six pages of literature, and have placed in nearly every family in our Quarterly Meeting the tract entitled, 'Christian Giving by a Layman,' 'Thanksgiving Ann,' and some others."

A few meetings have been addressed on the subject.

EMELINE H. TUTTLE, *Supt.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Women's F. M. Society of New England Yearly Meeting in account with Hannah J. Bailey, Treasurer.

DR.	
To amount on hand Sixth Month 11th, 1888	$ .92
A Friend, for Indians	1 00
Collection at public meeting at Newport, R. I.	74 00
Donations from E. T. Pritchard, for Indians	15 00
Collection at meeting of Executive Board	7 75
Returned from Dr. Johnson	40 12
G. W. Lothrop, sale of afghan	15 00
A Friend, for Pundita Ramabai	15 00
R. S. Murray, pictures of Ramallah Mission sold	4 25
M. C. Kimber, for Indians	4 00
H. B. Farr, for Ramallah	5 00
Donation from M. Potter, pay for printing	2 75
C. D. Holmes, mite box collection	1 16
Collection for teacher for Ramallah	5 00
Indiana W. F. M. Board	25 00
Lois A. Aldrich, for her mother, the late Thisby Andrews, for Indian Mission	100 00
Ohio W. F. M. Board, for Indian Mission	17 00
A Friend in New York	1 00
Amount carried forward,	$333 95

Amount brought forward,	$333 95	
Joint Committee on Western Indians, for Indian Mission House	50 00	
Collection in public meeting at Fairfield	16 61	
Mrs. Morrison, Delaware, Ohio, a Methodist sister, for Ramallah Building Fund	10 00	
		$410 56
To am't received from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	$511 41	
Salem Quarterly Meeting	253 75	
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting	97 50	
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting	88 76	
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting	119 23	
Dover Quarterly Meeting	6 00	
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting	69 80	
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting	125 51	
Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting	5 00	
		$1,276 96
Total receipts		$1,687 52

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Margaret W. Haines, for Japan Mission	$15 00	
Dr. C. W. Kirk, repairs on well at Indian Mission	10 00	
“ “ Indian Mission Home	65 00	
“ “ for Indian funeral fund	4 55	
Lizzie Test and M. A. Sherman and assistants, salaries	500 00	
Donation to M. A. Sherman	10 00	
“ L. Test, from Amesbury Auxiliary	10 00	
Improvements on Indian Mission property	10 00	
Donation to Indian funeral fund	10 00	
Samuel A. Purdie, expenses of school girl, Cuca	60 00	
Josiah Dillon, for Seaside Mission, Jamaica	25 00	
Pundita Ramabai, for Widows' School in India	15 00	
A. W. Maxfield, for printing	5 50	
Rachel Metcalf, for education of two girls	50 00	
E. H. Tuttle, for department work	10 00	
Stove for Indian Mission Headquarters	15 00	
Rachel Metcalf, for expenses of Effie E. Swan	25 00	
Sarah D. Brown, department work	10 00	
E. W. Weesner, for Alaska Mission	5 00	
Dr. Wm. V. Coffin, for Alaska Mission	60 00	
T. B. Hussey, for E. and S. Jones Mission, Ramallah	262 61	
Travelling expenses of missionary	6 25	
		$1,183 91
Balance in Treasury		503 61
		$1,687 52

I have examined the above Report and find it correct.

HULDAH H. LEIGHTON, *Auditor pro tem.*

The record of the work of our sisters during the past year is satisfactory and the results encouraging. The missionary spirit, awakened and fostered among the children, is an important and interesting feature of their work.

The following named Friends were appointed officers of the Society for the ensuing year, viz. : —

President—PHEBE S. AYDELOTT, Fall River, Mass.
Vice Presidents—MARY ALMY CHASE, Manchester, N. H.
ELLEN L. JOHNSTON, 65 Spruce Street, Portland, Me.
Corresponding Secretary—MARGARET C. KIMBER, Newport, R.I.
Recording Secretary—ALICE W. MAXFIELD, Amesbury, Mass.
Treasurer—HANNAH J. BAILEY, Winthrop Centre, Me.

QUARTERLY MEETING VICE PRESIDENTS.

Rhode Island. — SARAH CAROLINE TOBEY, 67 Angell Street, Providence, R. I.
Salem. — ANNA M. GOVE, Seabrook, N. H.
Sandwich. — ELIZABETH A. TAYLOR, Central Village, Mass.
Smithfield. — SALOME C. WHEELER, Uxbridge, Mass.
Dover. — ANNA M. HUSSEY, North Berwick, Me.
Falmouth. — MYRA E. FRYE, Woodfords, Me.
Vassalboro. — ELIZA P. PIERCE, East Vassalboro, Me.
Fairfield. — PHEBE WING SAWTELLE, Sidney, Me.
Parsonsfield. — ELIZABETH G. MEADER, Sandwich, N. H.

The Report of the Committee to whom has been confided our concern for the improvement and evangelization of some of the tribes of the Western Indians under our care, has been interesting and satisfactory to us. We recognize and appreciate their work. [*See* p. 38.]

We unite with Men Friends in accepting the Report of the Committee having the care of a Friend from the British Provinces, and also in the re-appointment to that service of the same Committee which served last year. [*See* p. 38.]

Epistles addressed to our sisters of Ohio, Baltimore and North Carolina have been read and approved.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. [*See* p. 44.]

FOURTH-DAY AFTERNOON, THE 19TH. — Met in separate session pursuant to adjournment.

The names of the Representatives from the different Quarterly Meetings being called, forty-four were present.

Epistles to our dear friends of Brumana and New York, also loving greetings to our sisters of London, Canada, Western, Iowa, Indiana, Dublin and Kansas Yearly Meetings have been acceptably read.

A Letter to the young people and the children of this Yearly Meeting, also one addressed to our sick and afflicted Friends, have all been read and approved.

We unite with Men Friends in the appointment of forty-five Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting. [*See* p. 42.]

We unite with men Friends in accepting the new apportionment as presented by the Representatives to this Meeting. [*See* p. 53.]

The Clerk is authorized to procure the usual amount of printing for this Meeting, and call on the Treasurer for the expense incurred.

The Committee on Finance have presented a Report, which has been accepted in concurrance with Men Friends. We also unite with them in the appointment of Samuel R. Buffinton as Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the ensuing year. [*See* p. 52.]

The Friends appointed to prepare a Minute in regard to the visit of our Christian brethren of other denominations to our morning session, have presented one which we cordially accept. [*See* p. 44.]

The Committee to whom was entrusted the concern of this Meeting on the subject of Peace, have presented a Report [*see* p. 54], which has been read and approved in concurrence with Men Friends. The Committee who served last year are re-appointed, with the substitution of the names of Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland for those of Charles H. and H. Elizabeth Jones, who have removed from within our limits.

We unite with Men Friends in the appointment of three Trustees to hold the property belonging, or which may belong, to this Yearly Meeting, in Ramallah, Palestine. The Committee are as follows: — Charles M. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey and Robert P. Gifford. [*See* p. 48.]

The Committee appointed to prepare returning Minutes for Ministering Friends, and others attending this Meeting with certificates, have presented the following for our friend, Henry Stanley Newman, from England: — "Our beloved friend, Henry Stanley Newman, very acceptably attended this Yearly Meeting. His ministry of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ amongst us has been sound and edifying, to the comfort and instruction of the Church.

A Minute for our friend William Wetherald has also been prepared, viz.:—"Our beloved friend William Wetherald acceptably attended this Meeting, bearing your certificate."

Similar ones have been prepared for our friends from other Yearly Meetings on this continent, viz.:—Seneca H. Stevens, Mary G. Underhill, Hannah T. Pratt, Daniel Hill, Joseph Moore, Amos M. Kenworthy, Mary J. H. Chappell, John Fry and Jesse W. Willmore. These were acceptable and the Clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

The Clerk is also directed to sign Minutes for our friends Phebe E. Johnson, Anna S. Leggett and Abbie M. Fry, stating that they attended this Meeting and that their company has been acceptable to us.

Again has the Lord fulfilled His gracious promise to meet with His people who have gathered in His name. He has guided by His counsel, He has harmonized our spirits, He has poured out His blessings, and now, with thankful hearts, we acknowledge His goodness and ascribe unto Him the glory due unto His name.

We conclude, proposing to meet again next year in Newport, Rhode Island, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

ANNA G. WOOD, *Clerk.*

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Alfred H. Jones,
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Rebecca H. Smiley,
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Esther Jones,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Sarah Marble.

MINUTES

OF THE

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

FOR

NEW ENGLAND.

1890.

LYNN, MASS.
PRESS OF THOS. P. NICHOLS,
1890.

MINUTES OF THE MEN'S MEETING.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport, R. I., commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 13th, 1890.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From Rhode Island — Samuel R. Buffinton, Obadiah Chace, Henry C. Aydelott, Charles A. Chace, John Babcock, William H. Perry, Augustine Jones, Charles W. Earle, Daniel Meader and Elwood G. Macomber.

From Salem — John Paige, William O. Newhall, John F. Chase, Stephen R. Rogers, Owen Dame, William P. Pinkham, Charles H. Atkins, Thomas Wood, George C. Herbert, Cyrus Jones, Lebbeus Hill, Daniel C. Maxfield, Peter M. Neal and Charles E. Peaslee.

From Sandwich — Edward G. Dillingham, George C. Akin, Joshua L. Macomber, Stephen R. Wing, David Kelley, Gideon Gifford and James E. Gifford.

From Falmouth — Nathan Douglas, Silas F. Strout, John Hacker Hall, Albert F. Minott, Edward C. Jones, John J. Frye, Augustus F. Cox, Charles A. Nichols, Reuben T. Jones and Elijah Cook.

From Smithfield — Richard Battey, Isaac Steere, James O. Inman, Stephen Cartland, William Aldrich, Sylvester S. Aldrich and James G. Arnold.

From Vassalboro — Alfred H. Jones, Caleb Jones, William H. Cates, James C. Pierce, William A. Jones and Linwood W. Jones.

From Dover — Samuel Buffum, Albert C. Buffum, Job Varney, William P. Tuttle, William T. Hussey and Oliver Meader.

FROM FAIRFIELD — Joseph E. Briggs, Isaac Winslow, I. Warren Hawkes, Charles M. Jones and Paul Wing.

FROM PARSONSFIELD — John B. Cartland, Joseph Remick and Silas H. Cartland.

Whose names being called they were present except ten, for the absence of two of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

3. We have with us at this time the acceptable company of Cornelius Barnes, William S. Wooton and Benjamin F. Farquhar from New York Yearly Meeting; Jehu and Sarah W. Newlin from Baltimore Yearly Meeting; William S. Richardson, Rufus P. King, Fernando G. Cartland and Abby F. Cartland from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; J. Walter Malone from Ohio Yearly Meeting; John P. Pennington and Robert W. Douglas from Indiana Yearly Meeting; John Folger from Western Yearly Meeting; Pliny Fry, Gilbert L. Farr, Evi Sharpless and Louisa Painter Round from Iowa Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

4. We have also the acceptable company of Docia S. Wooton, a Minister, accompanying her husband Wm. S. Wooton; Alice R. King, an Elder, accompanying her husband Rufus P. King; Charlotte M. Farquhar, companion to her husband Benjamin F. Farquhar; Charles B. Douglas, accompanying his father Robert W. Douglas; and Mary C. Fry, companion to her husband Pliny Fry, with satisfactory credentials from their friends at home.

5. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning Minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following named Friends, viz.: — George Howland, Jr., Robert P. Gifford, Jesse McPherson, Richard Battey, Joseph E. Briggs and Alfred H. Jones, who are requested to unite with a similar committee of Women Friends and report at a future sitting.

6. Epistles have been received at this time from Ireland, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings. Those from Ireland and New York have been read, the reading of the others is deferred to our afternoon sitting.

7. We appoint a committee to propose at our next sitting a Committee on Correspondence.

8. We appoint William T. Hussey, Charles M. Jones, Silas H. Cartland, Robert P. Gifford, Owen Dame, William P. Davis, John Hacker Hall, James O. Inman and William A. Jones a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised, sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer.

9. We appoint William Thompson, George C. Herbert and Alfred H. Jones a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it at a future sitting.

10. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportion of stock called for last year.

11. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz.: —

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John R. Goddard and Hannah A. Shove to the station of Elder, and with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Phebe H. Kenworthy, and with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Louisa N. Meader and Daniel Meader to the same station, and in the appointment of two associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; that the afternoon Meeting at Fall River has been discontinued. Mary Alice Gifford, a Minister and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, died Fifth Month 6th, 1889, in the 48th year of her age; Josiah Chace, an Elder, and member of the same Meeting, died Fourth Month 21st, 1890, in the 87th year of his age; John R. Godfrey, an Elder, and member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 13th, 1890, in the 70th year of his age; Edward Buffinton, an Elder, and member of the same Meeting, died Fourth Month 27th, 1890, in the 78th year of his age; Charlotte D. Holmes, a Minister and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 29th, 1889, in the 61st year of her age.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Alfred Manning and Lydia P. Chase to the station of Elder, with Weare Monthly

Meeting in the appointment of six associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary B. Swan and Gulielma C. Wood to the station of Elder, and eight associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Alvin Hoag, an Elder, and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died Fifth Month 25th, 1889, aged 78 years, 1 month and 6 days; James Hyde, an Elder, and member of Boston Monthly Meeting, died Eighth Month 28th, 1889, aged 73 years.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that Joseph Wing, an Elder, and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died First Month 17th, 1890, aged 87 years and 8 months; Josiah Holmes, Jr., a Minister, and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 24th, 1890, aged 77 years and 3 months; that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Elizabeth Stetson; that Joseph Ewer has been appointed correspondent of Sandwich Monthly Meeting in place of Joseph Wing, deceased — P. O. Address, East Sandwich, Mass.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Huldah H. Leighton; Elmira S. Hanson, an Elder, and member of the same Meeting, died Sixth Month 24th, 1889, aged 70 years, 3 months and 15 days; that it has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Mary Jane Goddard, and in the appointment of twelve associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Lydia A. Phelps, and with Bolton Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Alice M. Dow.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of nine associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; with Unity Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Omar G. Hussey, and in the appointment of George W. Varney and Etta M. Varney to the station of Elder;

William H. Cates has been appointed correspondent of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in place of Thomas B. Nichols, deceased — P. O. Address, East Vassalboro, Maine; Thomas B. Nichols, a Minister and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, died Twelfth Month 30th, 1889, aged 77 years; Eli Jones, a Minister and member of China Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 2d, 1890, aged 82 years, 10 months and 20 days; Eliza P. Gardner, a Minister and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, died First Month 3d, 1890, aged 85 years and 6 months; Gilbert Aldrich, an Elder, and member of the same Meeting, died Twelfth Month 13th, 1889, aged 68 years.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united in the appointment of seven associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Tobias Meader, an Elder, and member of Dover Monthly Meeting, died Eleventh Month 12th, 1889, aged 84 years and 24 days; Asa Meader, an Elder, and member of the same Meeting, died Third Month 14th, 1890, aged 72 years, 11 months and 27 days.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Arnold B. Gifford to the station of Elder, and in the appointment of three associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; James Sherman, an Elder, and member of the same Meeting, died Fourth Month 11th, 1890, aged 84 years; that it has united with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Elizabeth A. Church; Christina W. Hamblen, an Elder, and member of the same Meeting, died Eighth Month 18th, 1889, aged 66 years, 3 months and 3 days; Nathaniel Hawkes, an Elder, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died First Month 15th, 1890, aged 68 years and 18 days. The hour of holding the Mid-week Meeting at Winthrop has been changed from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united in the appointment of eight associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON — Met pursuant to adjournment.

12. Owen Dame, on behalf of the Representatives, informed

the Meeting that they were united in proposing William O. Newhall for Clerk, and Daniel C. Maxfield and I. Warren Hawkes for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being severally approved, they were accordingly appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

13. The Epistles from Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings were now read.

14. The Committee appointed for that purpose, presented the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence, which is approved by the Meeting, as follows, viz.: —

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Alfred H. Jones,
Gideon Wood,
Samuel Buffum,
Wm. P. Macomber,
John Metcalfe,
James M. Estes,
Stephen R. Rogers,
Wm. T. Hussey,
Thomas Wood,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Lebbeus Hill,
Charles M. Jones,
Wm. Thompson,
John F. Chase,
Robert P. Gifford,
Arthur M. Hussey,
Wm. P. Pinkham,
George A. Barton.

15. The Statistical Accounts, received from our Quarterly Meetings, were now read, and are as follows, viz.: —

STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Number reported last year.	Error in last year's report. — Gain.	Error in last year's report. — Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number of Members.
Rhode Island .	833	0	1	8	15	10	7	14	7	2	0	835
Salem	683	0	14	3	16	33	7	21	1	19	0	702
Sandwich . . .	594	1	0	2	13	2	3	6	1	0	6	588
Falmouth . . .	575	1	0	5	10	6	18	23	9	0	2	573
Smithfield . . .	369	0	0	2	11	5	5	2	6	0	13	356
Vassalboro . .	502	0	0	3	10	0	1	7	1	0	2	500
Dover	217	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	6	211
Fairfield	531	0	0	5	11	5	1	21	3	16	0	547
Parsonsfield . .	159	0	0	1	6	0	7	9	0	0	3	156
Total	4463	2	15	29	96	61	49	103	30	37	32	4468
Net gain . .										5		

16. STATISTICS OF CHILDREN.

	Number of children between 4 and 21.	Number of children between 12 and 21.	Number attending School.	Number attending Schools taught or controlled by Friends.
Rhode Island	136	85	101	18
Salem	105	70	78	10
Sandwich	78	38	44	13
Falmouth	108	53	79	13
Smithfield	32	14	23	1
Vassalboro	68	33	54	21
Dover	17	10	13	0
Fairfield	51	34	46	6
Parsonsfield	30	17	25	2
Total	625	354	463	84

The Meeting directs that the following be added to the list of questions asked, viz. : -- How many children, between the ages of twelve and twenty-one, attending school taught or controlled by Friends?

17. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South have presented their Annual Report, together with the report of the condition of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn., made by its Superintendent, William P. Hastings. The Committee is continued for service another year, with the exception of our late dear friend Benjamin F. Knowles, and the addition of Augustine Jones, James O. Inman and Elizabeth T. Larkin.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting our Report of Maryville Institute this year, we realize the absence of our dear friend Benjamin F. Knowles, whose oversight of the Institution since its beginning enabled him to speak clearly to us of its condition and needs.

We believe the good work was never more appreciated by its patrons, as shown by the increased attendance over previous years.

Our financial statement is delayed, but it can be completed at an early date from accounts and vouchers of Benjamin F. Knowles, and forwarded to the Representative Meeting.

In addition to his benevolence of former years, we are informed that Benjamin F. Knowles has made the Institute his residuary legatee, but as the income from this legacy may not be available before another year, we hope the Yearly Meeting will continue its financial aid to this important work, and under the care of a Committee as heretofore.

On behalf of the Committee,

ROBERT P. GIFFORD.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 13th, 1890.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREEDMEN'S NORMAL INSTITUTE, MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

It will be observed in the following Statistical Report that we have had, during the past year, a much larger attendance than usual, and it may be further stated, that at our Sabbath Schools and Meetings for Worship, the attendance has been correspondingly large.

The subjects of Peace and Temperance have been kept before the students, not only in our regular meetings, which are held twice a week, but also in the school work on all proper occasions. Through the liberality of friends, especially interested in these reforms, we have been able to distribute a large amount of literature among the students and other attendants of our Sabbath School. The general effects of these efforts have manifested themselves in the literary productions of students from time to time, so that we have reason to believe that the work is still being blessed.

The interest in the usual daily Scripture readings, with devotional exercises, was very much increased by a visit from Mary A. Marriage Allen, of England, who established a Home Mission Workers' Union among the students. This society requires of its members, total abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors and tobacco, and a system of daily private reading of the Scriptures is to be complied with.

A visit from H. Stanley Newman, of England, awakened much interest in the Foreign Mission Work and the Peace cause.

STATISTICS.

Number of days taught	192
Whole number enrolled	230
Average number belonging	143.8
Per cent. of attendance	83.5
Number of boarders in the buildings	79
Number of teachers in the Training Class	105
Number teaching in different States (estimated)	170
Number taught by former students (estimated)	8500
Number reading from books	225

Number studying arithmetic	221
Number studying English grammar	190
Number studying geography	98
Number studying English composition	184
Number studying general history	2
Number studying history of England	2
Number studying United States history	19
Number studying physiology	16
Number studying book-keeping	16
Number studying scientific agriculture	20
Number studying natural philosophy	3
Number studying algebra	19
Number studying geology of Tennessee	24
Number studying English literature	10
Number studying geometry	3
Number studying Latin	7
Number studying Greek	1
Number studying moral science	1
Number studying psychology	2
Number graduated in the Elementary course	9
Number graduated in the Teachers' advanced course	1

It is a source of gratification to feel that Providence has continued to bless the efforts of Friends in their endeavors to assist in the up-building of a benighted people, through the instrumentality of the Freedmen's Normal Institute. The past year has been a successful one, beyond precedent, in the history of this Institution, so far as the extended influence and efficiency of the school may be considered. Though so much has been accomplished in the past for the true civilization and Christianization of the colored people, yet it must be remembered that the means used, so far, have been inadequate to their needs.

The larger number of their common schools are still managed by persons who are scarcely able to read understandingly, and who, being untrained, are so unskillful as to do about as much mischief as they do good.

It is true that each year witnesses a larger number of trained teachers in the field, but it is also true that the colored population is rapidly increasing.

Even if there were thousands of skillful teachers at work, there are still millions needing instruction.

The immense number of illiterate voters in our country still continues to be a menace to our Republic. Each year shows an increase in crimes committed in those sections of our country noted for their illiteracy. Ignorant voters elect corrupt officials, whose laxity in the administration of justice encourages the criminal classes, and thus material, as well as moral progress, is hindered, and the work of the Christian church is blocked and hedged in with difficulties easily overcome among an intelligent people.

In some of the Southern States the whites seem to have become discouraged in regard to the capacity of the negro. This has been manifested by recent legislation, especially in the States of Mississippi and Virginia.

Let us, then, who believe that "God is no respecter of persons," and that Christ died for all mankind, "be up and doing" for our country's sake, for the sake of humanity and for Christ's sake.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. P. HASTINGS, *Principal.*

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Charles F. Coffin,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Robert P. Gifford,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Elizabeth A. Gifford,
Augustine Jones,
James O. Inman.
Elizabeth T. Larkin.

18. The Trustees of the George Sturge Fund presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and is as follows, viz.: —

THE NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE STURGE FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$1,676 62	
Coupons paid Seventh Month, 1889	727 50	
Coupons paid First Month, 1890	727 50	
Interest on deposit, Sixth Month 11th, 1890	58 37	
		$3,189 99

EXPENDITURES.

Assisting twenty-four students, Fall Term, 1889	$424 76	
Box in R. I. Safe Deposit Co.	15 00	
Assisting seventy-three students, Spring Term, 1890	2,216 88	
Balance for new account	533 35	
		$3,189 99

On behalf of the Trustees,

SAM'L R. BUFFINTON.
AUGUSTINE JONES.

Sixth Month 13th, 1890.

19. To fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees occasioned by the decease of our friend Benjamin F. Knowles, this Meeting appoints James O. Inman, Women Friends concurring.

20. Our late dear friend, Benjamin F. Knowles, of Providence, Rhode Island, by his last will and testament has bequeathed to this Yearly Meeting certain property in trust for the use and benefit of the Freedmen's Normal Institute, located at Maryville, Tenn. And in said will he has directed that this Yearly Meeting shall appoint Trustees to invest and manage said property subject to this Yearly Meeting, and has further nominated the first Trustees to be so appointed as follows: Samuel R. Buffinton, Augustine Jones, Owen Dame, James O. Inman, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ellen K. Buffum, and Susan T. Thompson. This Meeting hereby accepts the said Trust and appoints the said persons as Trustees of said property according to the provisions and directions contained in said will.

TRUSTEES OF THE STURGE AND KNOWLES FUNDS.

Samuel R. Buffinton, Fall River, Mass.
Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.
Owen Dame, Lynn, Mass.
James O. Inman, Pascoag, R. I.
Rebecca H. Smiley, Woodfords, Me.
Ellen K. Buffum, Providence, R. I.
Susan T. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, in joint session.

SEVENTH-DAY MORNING, THE 15TH.

The Meeting assembled, pursuant to adjournment, in joint session.

21. The Representatives being called were present except seven.

22. A "Proposition for the organization of a United Meeting of the Friend's Church," received from Kansas Yearly Meeting, was now read, and being considered, it was the united judgment of this Meeting that we decline to join in said organization, and

the Clerk is directed to append the conclusion of this Meeting to the Epistle, which may be sent to Kansas Yearly Meeting this year.

23. The Committee having charge of Providence School, presented their Annual Report, viz.: —

REPORT OF BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Again, and yet again, the Committee, having in charge Providence School, presents to the Yearly Meeting a resumé of its movements for the year now about to close. While there has not been any occurrence or change of special importance to note, yet we are gratified in being able to say, that everything has progressed in a very smooth and agreeable manner, the family has been preserved in a remarkable degree of health, and great harmony and unity have prevailed.

The religious character of the School, which has been so favorably reported for several consecutive years, has continued with increasing interest, and embraces within its refining and elevating influences, a large portion of the students.

The average attendance has been, boarders 132, day students 31, total 163.

The Officers of government and instruction have been:

Augustine Jones, A.M., LL.B., Principal, and Political Science.
Frederick Daggett, A.B., Governor, and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess, and English Studies.
Bessie T. Wing, History and Literature.
Thomas J. Battey, A.M., Natural Science.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Walter S. Meader, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
Frederick H. Howard, A.M., Greek and Latin.
Sylvester Primer, Ph. D. Modern Languages.
Clara A. Winslow, English Studies.
Mary P. Helme, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.
Edward F. Robinson, A.M.. Latin, and in charge of school-room.
Lucy J. Hawkes, Primary Room.
Mary L. Farnum, M.D., Physiology.
Robert Bonner, Instrumental Music.
Clara E. Rawson, Calisthenics for Girls.
Edward F. Robinson, A.M., Secretary and Book-keeper.
Annie E. Ewer, Librarian.

LECTURER.

Thomas J. Battey, Natural Science.

The Auditor's Report for the year ending Seventh Month 1st, 1889, is as follows:

STATEMENT FOR SETTLEMENT OF SCHOOL YEAR 1888–89. ENDING SEVENTH MONTH 1st, 1889.

RECEIPTS.

From Charitable Scholarship Fund	$2,485 30	
E. Fry Fund	1,500 00	
General Scholarship Fund	7,630 73	
Board and tuition	31,507 25	
Auxiliary studies, use of pianos, etc.	3,654 56	
		$46,777 84

EXPENDITURES.

For Salaries	$16,000 35	
Wages	9,226 46	
Provisions	9,831 66	
Advertising	830 29	
Repairs and renewals	3,179 35	
Library	258 34	
Water	477 61	
Fuel	1,635 12	
Light	984 77	
Papers and periodicals	42 84	
Incidentals	207 60	
City tax	2,994 25	
Improvements	834 53	
Debts considered bad	271 33	
Profit on the year's work	3 34	
		$46,777 84

J. H. CHACE,
SAM'L R. BUFFINTON,
ROB'T P. GIFFORD,
JAMES O. INMAN,
} *Auditors.*

Olney Street, which bounds the School premises on the north having been broadened to 60 feet in width, has made a very decided improvement to that part of our grounds, which, with a great change in the facility for reaching the part of the city in which the School is located, has already stimulated the building of houses in that section, and may result advantageously to the School.

In the Sixth Month, 1888, the Yearly Meeting changed the tenure of the Providence School Funds, from the care, in general, of a single Treasurer, to a Board of Three Trustees; and as the change has not worked well in practice, the School Committee now recommends to the Yearly Meeting to return to the custom pursued for so many years, of appointing a Treasurer, having reference in the selection of such Treasurer, to a person residing conveniently near to the School.

And the Committee further recommends to the Yearly Meeting, to re-enact the minute, No. 17, of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting of 1882.

We have to report the recent death of one of our number, Benjamin F. Knowles, who died on the 18th of Fifth Month. By his removal the Committee loses an esteemed and valued member, whose promptness in attendance upon our meetings, and whose interest in the School are alike worthy of commendation and of imitation.

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the School per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150.00. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund of $75.00. Credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same fund, of $25.00. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the Scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $75.00.

The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German of $10.00; for one year's instruction in pencil drawing, $15.00; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.00.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made, except, when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one-half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

With gratitude and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the many mercies and blessings vouchsafed all through the year, we conclude, again commending the School to the kindly care and consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Providence School, R.I., Sixth Month 3d, 1890.

Note. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 10th, 1890. The Spring Term begins Second Month 4th, 1891, and ends Sixth Month 23d, 1891.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, Eighth Month 12th, 1890.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund, should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Eighth Month 12th, 1890.

Applications should be sent to the Principal, Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Committee of last year, with the exception of Benjamin F. Knowles, deceased, and the addition of Charles Sisson, is continued for service the ensuing year.

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Charles F. Coffin,
George Howland, Jr.,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Richard Battey,
James H. Chace,
James O. Inman,
Peter M. Neal,
Augustus F. Cox,
Robert P. Gifford,
I. Warren Hawkes,
William O. Newhall,
Isaac Oscar Winslow,
Daniel C. Maxfield,
John J. Frye,
Olney T. Meader,
Charles Sisson,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Rebecca A. Steere,
Anna G. Wood,
Deborah W. Crosman,
Elizabeth H. Austin,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Esther Jones,
Caroline C. Earle,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Lydia C. Neal,
Ruth S. Murray,
Alice W. Maxfield,
Anna M. Hussey,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,
Sarah Marble,
Huldah H. Leighton.

24. The Real Estate Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting last year in connection with the Providence School, presented their Report, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Since our appointment in Sixth Month, last year, we met in Providence Sixth Month 25th, 1889, and appointed Robert P. Gifford, Clerk, and approved the sale of additional land to Josephine E. Potter, to make the lot granted to her one hundred and fifty feet square.

We met Seventh Month 16th, 1889, and appointed Samuel R. Buffinton Custodian of Real Estate Securities and Funds while our transactions were being completed, after which the net proceeds were to be forwarded by him to the Treasurer of the School Funds. At this meeting, we also approved the previous sales of land and made correct record of deeds to Josephine Rathbone, 6457 17-100 square feet and to Josephine E. Potter, 22,500 square feet.

We met Eighth Month 5th, 1889, and approved and recorded a communication to the Representative Meeting, relating to the O'Connor property, so called.

We met Eighth Month 20th, 1889, and recorded the instructions received from the Representative Meeting, and approved the sale of 20,500 square feet of land to Mary Althaus, including the house and lot previously purchased of Timothy O'Connor, and made correct record of deed to said Mary Althaus.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Received for Josephine Rathbone lot	$3,452 58
Received for Josephine E. Potter lot	10,523 75
Received for Mary Althaus house and lot	15,793 34
Second Mo. 1890, received for Int. on Mort. Note	390 00
Fifth Mo. 1890, received for Int. on one Mort. Note	15 00
Total	$30,174 67

EXPENDITURES.

Forwarded to Owen Dame, Treasurer, in cash remittances, when funds were received in total, amounting to	$18,700 00	
Mortgage notes on hand	11,000 00	
Expenses	283 02	
Cash on hand with custodian	191 65	
		$30,174 67

ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
Clerk of the Committee.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 13th, 1890.

The Report is approved, and its transactions ratified by this Meeting, and we now appoint James H. Chace, Samuel R. Buflinton, James O. Inman, Robert P. Gifford and Charles Sisson, a Real Estate Committee for the ensuing year.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. — The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

25. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting requests that this Meeting take under consideration the subject of a new apportionment of stock for the several Quarterly Meetings, which is referred to the Representatives now in attendance of this Meeting.

26. A proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting of Men

Friends is referred back to that Meeting on account of its not having the concurrence of Women Friends.

27. This Meeting concludes to take under careful advisement, the subject of the manner of raising money by the Yearly Meeting, with a view of affording relief to such of our members as feel that the Yearly Meeting ought not to assess the subordinate Meetings for funds other than those required for the actual expenses of the Yearly Meeting; leaving all moneys for missionary and charitable purposes to be raised by voluntary contribution, and refers the same to the Representatives for consideration.

28. Vassalboro and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings request as follows, viz.: — "We are united in asking that the Yearly Meeting be held in Portland, Maine, in 1891," which is united with by this Meeting, and we conclude to meet in Portland, Maine, next Year.

29. The Committee on Temperance presented their Annual Report, which has been read, and is satisfactory to the Meeting. We appoint William Jacob, Elizabeth T. Larkin, William P. Macomber, Zephaniah Breed, Hannah J. Bailey and Mary C. Baylies a Committee to prepare a Minute to be placed upon our records, showing the attitude of this Meeting upon the important subject of total abstinence from the use of both intoxicants and tobacco, and present it at our next sitting. The same Committee is charged with the duty of nominating a Temperance Committee, and report at a future sitting.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We regret that some of our Committee have done little definite work in this important branch of Christian service the past year. Many of these, to whom this work is dear, have been prevented by other Christian work, by protracted sickness and other uncontrollable circumstances. But we believe a good work has been done by a part of our number who have endeavored to be instant in season and out of season to do whatever their hands have found to do with all their might.

A very impressive lecture was given at Friends' School, Providence, last Third Month. The subjects of Temperance and Tobacco are constantly kept before the school and with gratifying success.

By the efforts and partly at the individual expense of one worker, who has been unsparing of money as well as time to support and promote the work, thirteen lectures, some entirely, and some partly, on Temperance, have been given within the limits of our Yearly Meeting, also three prizes for best Temperance essays have been given to the students of Maine Wesleyan Seminary, at Kent's Hill, Maine. The public press has been used to some extent in the prosecution of the work, and petitions asking for legislation have been circulated, and personal letters have been written to Members of Congress soliciting their influence, several of which received courteous response and desired influence was great. This worker, also, by consent of the Executive Committee, offered prizes for three best Temperance essays at Oak Grove Seminary. A number of essays, showing marked ability and research, were written, and the prizes, awarded by competent judges, were paid by our Treasurer Commencement Day. The prizes were well won in both schools.

A service is conducted one Sabbath, monthly, on Temperance and Tobacco and their kindred evils, by two of our number, at the New Hampshire State Industrial School. "We think this work has been effective, and some of the good seed sown on these one hundred and twenty-five receptive hearts will bring forth good fruit."

In Lynn Bible School, Sewell's Charts are used.

Bolton reports a Band of Hope, with Monthly Meetings, using J. Coleman's Catechism and various Temperance exercises. Quite an interest manifested. Some Temperance organizations in town in which Friends work.

At Lawrence a public Temperance meeting is held every three months, and the subject kept before the Bible School by repeated talks. Some have signed the pledge. "There is a deep interest to root out the evil."

In some localities Gospel Temperance meetings are held weekly, where many have signed the pledge, and in other places Temperance organizations of some kind are conducted partly or wholly by our workers, while some Bible Schools hold a Temperance School once a quarter.

One reports increasing interest and numbers; seventeen have signed the pledge, making a total of eighty-two. Two bands have been organized in other towns, and other work done with some success in suppressing the sale of intoxicating drink.

Your Committee have not been unmindful of the quiet but powerful means for good, the distribution of literature. Many thousand pages have been used by some of our active workers, while others, unable to engage in other departments, have been diligent to let no opportunity pass without fulfilling the mission of their appointment, and in many instances have created opportunities for work. Temperance papers, tracts, leaflets, and cards, have been distributed at New Hampshire Industrial School, at a free reading room, at railroad depots, on trains, and through the mail.

One member has sent a prohibition paper to twenty-five individuals for six months at his own expense, and some other individual work has been done by pen and tongue. Others have supplied themselves with literature, so that all such work done does not appear in the following Report of the Superintendent of Literature.

No. of orders received	20
No. of pages	28,066
No. of cards	886
No. of triple pledge cards	25
No. of "Youths' Temperance Stories"	25
No. copies of "Olive Leaf"	25
No. copies of "Youths' Temperance Banner"	10

In the Juvenile Department we can not report definitely of the work done, but from reports received we feel safe in saying that this most important part of the work is progressing. The children are being taught in various ways where there are not organized Bands. We earnestly desire that this ever needy and most hopeful field of labor may receive more attention from parents and all Christian workers. We recommend that this work be continued under the care of a new Committee, and that $200 be appropriated for their use.

R. H. WASHBURN, *Secretary.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month, 1890.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer		$200 00
Paid J. F. Chase, Superintendent of Literature	$50 00	
Paid H. J. Bailey, Lecturer at Providence School	24 00	
Paid H. J. Bailey, Essays at Oak Grove School	9 00	
Expenses of workers	7 00	
Literature for First-day Schools and general distribution	100 00	
Printing and stationery	3 54	
Cards	1 50	
Postage and express	3 09	
Balance on hand	1 87	
		$200 00

EZRA HAWKES, *Treasurer Temperance Committee.*

30. The Committee to aid a member of our Society from the British Provinces, made the following Report, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CARE OF A FRIEND FROM THE BRITISH PROVINCES.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee having care of the Friend from the British Provinces, report that they have given all necessary attention to the object of their appointment.

This dear friend is nearly ninety-six years of age, is comfortable in health, is very cheerful and happy in Christ, and truly grateful for the care and assistance of his friends.

We would recommend that an appropriation of $125 be made for his comfort and support the ensuing year, the appropriation of last year being insufficient.

On behalf of the Committee,

ALFRED H. JONES,
HANNAH J. BAILEY.

NEWPORT, R.I., Sixth Month 13th, 1890.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and Alfred H. Jones, William H. Beale and Hannah J. Bailey are continued a Committee for further service another year.

Adjourned to meet on Second-day Morning, at 10 o'clock, in joint session.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, THE 16TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

31. The following request is received from Dover Quarterly Meeting, viz.: — "This Meeting is united in asking the advice of the Yearly Meeting as to what action shall be taken in reference to our members who are residing in places unknown to us," which is referred to the Representatives now in attendance of this Meeting.

32. In the matter of the bequest to this Yearly Meeting in the last will of Sarah N. Pope Dixon, of England. As there are doubts about our legal right to such bequest, we appoint Augustine Jones and Robert P. Gifford to represent this Meeting before any court for us, and in our behalf to prosecute or settle our claim to said bequest as in their judgment shall seem best.

33. The Committee to disburse the income of the Mosher Fund presented their Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Committee is continued for service another year. The Report is as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF MOSHER FUND.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee on the disbursement of the income of the Mosher Fund would report, that in response to the desire on the part of some of the members of the Yearly Meeting, that the "Book of Discipline" be distributed, two hundred copies have been purchased for that purpose.

The four hundred copies of "Ten Years in Abyssinia," or Autobiography of Theophilus Waldmeier, ordered by your Committee of last year from the New York Book and Tract Society, have been received, and in addition to their wide circulation, care has been exercised that our Bible Schools should be supplied with the work.

The distribution of "Friends' Review" has been continued, one hundred and ninety-seven copies having been subscribed for; in many homes where it could not otherwise have come, this weekly visitor has been very welcome.

To assist in printing in the Spanish language some of the writings of Friends, and in their circulation in Mexico, $100 was sent to Samuel A. Purdie.

On behalf of the Committee,

ALFRED H. JONES,
SARAH MARBLE.

NEWPORT, R.I., Sixth Month 16th, 1890.

H. H. MOSHER FUND.—TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year's account	$409 52	
Received from Trustees	500 00	
Received from Savings Bank, interest	5 48	
		$915 00

PAYMENTS.

Sample books and postage on same	5 10	
200 copies Book of Discipline	100 00	
400 copies Autobiography Theo. Waldmeier	294 23	
197 subscriptions to "Friends' Review"	295 50	
Cash forwarded to Samuel A. Purdie, Mexico	100 00	
Express, postage, etc.	10 75	
	$805 58	
Balance to new account	109 42	
		$915 00

J. E. PAIGE, *Treasurer.*

LYNN, MASS., Sixth Month 9th, 1890.

COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF THE MOSHER FUND.

Alfred H. Jones,
John Ellwood Paige.
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Ruth S. Murray,
Esther Jones,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Sarah Marble.

34. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The income of the Mosher Fund for the past year has been,—

From City of Boston bond	$500 00	
From New Bedford Institution for Savings	36 90	
From Lynn Institution for Savings	88 22	
		$625 12

There has been paid from Income,—

To J. E. Paige, Treasurer of Book Committee	$500 00	
Added to capital	125 12	
		$625 12

The Fund is invested in:

City of Boston Registered Bond, due in 1905	$10,000 00	
New Bedford Institution for Savings	950 87	
Lynn Institution for Savings	2,272 51	
		$13,223 38

All in the name of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

For the Trustees,

C. F. COFFIN, *Trustee.*

Lynn, Mass., Sixth Month 10th, 1890.

Note. — The New Bedford Institution for Savings last year paid an extra dividend, which is the reason for less income this year.

For several years a portion of income has been added to the capital, to make good the premium paid for the Ten Thousand Dollar City of Boston Registered Bond. The amount paid for that premium is now made good to the capital, and perhaps something over, so that, unless the Yearly Meeting orders otherwise, the whole income will be payable to the Publishing or Book Committee hereafter.

35. The Committee appointed for that purpose propose the following-named Friends to constitute a Committee on Temperance the ensuing year, which is approved, viz.: —

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Organization.

George A. Barton, *Chairman.*
M. Augusta Battey, *Secretary.*
Frank E. Jones, *Treasurer.*
Ellen C. Jones, *Supt. of Juvenile Work.*
John F. Chase, *Supt. of Literature.*

Executive Committee.

George A. Barton,	John F. Chase,
Augustine Jones,	Hannah J. Bailey,
Elizabeth T. Larkin,	M. Augusta Battey.

Rhode Island.

Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.
M. Augusta Battey, Providence, R. I.
Annie B. Macomber, Portsmouth, R. I.
Charles A. Chace, Fall River, Mass.
William Jacob, Foxvale, Mass.

Salem.

John F. Chase, Manchester, N. H.
Elizabeth T. Larkin, Box 4, Peabody, Mass.
George A. Barton, Hotel Devon, Boston, Mass.
William Wood, Lawrence, Mass, 100 Newbury Street.
Alice W. Maxfield, Amesbury, Mass.

Sandwich.

Joshua L. Macomber, Mattapoisett, Mass.
Hannah R. Gifford, Westport Point, Mass.
Mary C. Baylies, New Bedford, Mass.
Gideon Wood, New Bedford, Mass.

Smithfield.

Abigail Wheeler, Northbridge, Mass.
Jennie Allyn, 68 Warrenton Street, Boston, Mass.
Adelaide Wheeler, Bolton, Mass.
Oscar J. Morse, Woonsocket, R. I.
Samuel Wheeler, Bolton, Mass.

Falmouth.

Augustus F. Cox, Portland, Me.
Ellen C. Jones, 31½ Exchange Street, Portland, Me.
Lina Lunt, South Durham, Me.

Vassalboro'.

Frank E. Jones, South China, Me.
Elizabeth K. Jones, South China, Me.
Rufus M. Jones, Vassalboro', Me.
Eliza P. Pierce, East Vassalboro', Me.

Dover.

William T. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.

Fairfield.

Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Martha B. Osborne, Manchester, Me.
I. Warren Hawkes, Manchester, Me.
George B. Wing, North Fairfield, Me.

Parsonsfield.

Lydia A. Cartland, East Parsonsfield, Me.
Elizabeth H. Cobb, East Parsonsfield, Me.
James Cartland, East Parsonsfield, Me.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

36. The first hour of this session was occupied by a Memorial service on behalf of beloved Friends who have been called during the past year, from works to rewards. We miss their familiar forms, their wise counsels and loving words; but we rejoice that their record is on high, and we trust that their mantles will fall upon young and consecrated workers.

37. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends,— The duty of bringing before you a report of work accomplished at the "Eli and Sybil Jones Mission Home," at Ramallah, Palestine, has become a pleasure at this time, because of the large amount of earnest, thorough Christian effort which has been so successfully put forth there during the year past, by faithful hearts and busy hands.

Huldah H. Leighton has sent in to us her report of the Mission, and to it very little can be added, for she says:

In presenting to you our first report of the work of this Mission, we desire to return thanksgiving and praise to our kind Heavenly Father. He has, we believe, guided our footsteps to these shores and ever since led us in pleasant paths among this people.

Notwithstanding our many shortcomings and failures, we can truly say the outlook is encouraging.

The field before us is wide and varied in its character; and the work calls for much patient perseverance and watching unto prayer. As we learn to trust our blessed Master and come often to Him for wisdom and guidance, He never fails but we find Him a "present help in every time of need."

At the beginning of the new year, we were favored with a visit from our dear friends, Ruth S. Murray, William and Susan Thompson, who were a great help to the Mission spiritually and financially. Their gospel services, Bible talks and loving words of cheer and encouragement will ever be remembered by us all.

Our Meetings on First-day mornings are regularly held and well attended. We believe them to be usually times of spiritual blessing. It is a beautiful sight to see the large number of children, from the Out Schools, seated on the floor in front of the desk each Sabbath, orderly and quiet and listening eagerly to all that is said to them.

Bible Class is held each Sabbath evening in the class room at the Mission building. Usually the room is filled to overflowing. Saleem Saadi takes charge of this meeting to the satisfaction of all.

Sabbath Meetings in the afternoon were held in the Western schoolhouse among the Greek population, until the rainy season commenced, when they were discontinued. They have now again been started. May God's blesssing rest upon efforts being put forth in this direction, and turn these people from their quarrels and fightings to peaceful, orderly lives.

Sabbath School work among the Training Home girls is carried on regularly. Already they have a good knowledge of Scripture, and their lives show results of Christian training. At first they had little or no Scripture knowledge. The study of the Bible now occupies a prominent place in their studies every day. One Sabbath, after reading a portion of Luke, the larger girls were questioned as to the meaning of the word "Gospel." A tiny hand was raised by a bright-eyed girl—the very youngest—and plainly she answered, "The word 'gospel' means 'good news.'" It is a great pleasure to give these little girls a Sabbath School lesson. They collect for it with bright, happy faces, as if expecting something they are longing for. It is a source of joy and encouragement to hear the simple, childish prayers of thanksgiving from these dear little creatures, who, when asked on their first Sabbath in the Training Home, what God had given them, replied, "He gave us nothing."

Mid-week Prayer Meetings on Fifth-day evenings are looked forward to with much interest by those who attend. Many often take part in these services and we are much encouraged by their earnestness and devotion. At these gatherings, as well as those on Sabbath mornings, a time of silent waiting upon the Lord is observed. Often we are conscious of the power of the Holy Spirit resting upon us and we feel that He blesses our feeble endeavors to serve Him, our Lord and Master.

The Mothers' Meeting on Third-day afternoons has a good attendance. These are times of great help and encouragement to many poor women, who are endeavoring through surrounding difficulties to lead consistent lives. Our ever-faithful head Syrian teacher has charge of these meetings. The Scriptures are read and explained, and texts are committed to memory. All who can, join in the reading while the others listen. Already we see the good results of Katie's earnest talks with these women. She is sowing the seed and leaving the result in the hands of her dear Lord and Master, who gives the increase.

Teachers' Meetings we find to be a source of strength in the school work. They are held each Third-day evening. The object of these gatherings is to invoke Divine blessing upon the Christian work done in the four schools.

The Training Home doors, as well as those of our hearts, were opened at the beginning of Tenth Month to receive fifteen forlorn looking little girls.

The first thing we did was to wash and dress them neatly. They took much pleasure in the new mode of dress, but the younger ones found great difficulty in getting used to wearing boots. In play hours some of them would be seen seated on the ground with their boots at one side. Their soft, clean beds, also, were a luxury, which, although much appreciated now, were not, in every case, at first. One or two showed preference for the stone floor underneath, until they were taught to live up to their privileges.

The manner of living of these Training Home girls, and especially their deportment and dress, has a visible effect upon the children and other people of the village. On Sabbaths and on Fourth-days, as we lead our girls to meeting and for their weekly walks, the women come out of their huts to watch them pass, and their longings that their daughters might have the same privileges are often earnestly expressed.

Our girls, at first, could read but poorly in their own language, and the older ones knew only a little English. They now study Scripture, reading, writing, geography, dictation, and arithmetic, in Arabic; reading, writing, and spelling, in English, and there is, also, a class of five in translation. In all these studies, as well as in their lessons in housework and sewing, the children have made excellent progress. During both terms the deportment of the school was good. They are all trying to be good, obedient children, and, with few exceptions, are truthful and can be trusted.

We were very sorry that our dear Etta Johnston, whom we expected to have been with us a part of the Autumn term, was taken so seriously ill on her way from America, but the Lord spared her for His work, and we were privileged to welcome her on New Year's eve. With fresh strength and hopes of success we began the New Year together, and surely God's blessing has rested upon the labors of the three past months spent in His loving service.

Katie Gabriel, who has charge of the Arabic lessons in the school, displays much ability in her teaching. She also has a heart filled with love for Christ and His work, and we believe her place in this Mission to be nobly filled. As Etta's illness prevented her getting here to share the duties of the first term, too much care devolved upon Katie, which resulted in sickness, but we are glad, at this writing, to report them both well, and having just finished the work of the Winter term in a manner which we believe to be pleasing to the loving Master whom they serve.

God's blessing rests in an especial manner upon this part of the work, and we believe many of these girls will become noble, useful women, and will, one day, go forth as missionaries among their own people.

OUT SCHOOLS. — With Saleem Saada, as Head Teacher, and Jurious Kaddoora, as Assistant, the Boys' School is doing good work. Average number of scholars, forty-four. Ages range from four to sixteen. *Studies:* — Bible, writing, reading, spelling, arithmetic, geography, and dictation. English reading is taught the older boys. The best attendance is during the rainy season, when the children are not obliged to work on the farms or in the vineyards.

Our Mixed School, held in the Western part of the village, is taught by two sincere Christian girls. Emily Aramoonie has charge of thirty girls, and Miriam Rodeslie, of the same number of boys. This school was the first in that part of the village, and began with two scholars in Ninth Month, 1888. Since then it has increased to sixty. During the year, deportment has been good under excellent government, and progress has been marked.

The School near the Mission, of twenty-seven girls and one small boy, is taught by Lydia Farah, who displays much love for her work. As good progress was made in this school as we could expect under Lydia's disadvantage of having a small average attendance. Her scholars and those at the Western School are taught the same studies that the boys have, with the addition of all kinds of plain knitting work for the girls.

In the Spring terms, the girls are often absent until ten o'clock, bringing home grass and wood from the fields. In Summer, many remain away to watch their vineyards, or glean, as Ruth did, after the reapers. In Autumn, they are placed, some of them, in the watch-towers instead of being sent to school. The younger children, however, come quite regularly, and as these are more susceptible to training, much good can be done.

The Syrians have a great love for music, and singing of hymns is used in all our schools and meetings to spiritual advantage. The children have good voices and are apt in catching tunes. Many hymns have been taught in the schools during the Winter.

CHRISTMAS. — We must not forget to record the interesting Christmas scene at the Mission. The great stone hall of the Training Home was filled with bright, happy little Syrian faces. After greetings, the Scriptures were read, prayer offered, and the children spoke and sang well many selections in Arabic, and a few in English. Remarks were made, after which all were treated to oranges and candy, and sent away with happy faces and pleasant memories of Christmas.

We have not let the vineyard to husbandmen this year, but had it plowed and the vines pruned.

Our grounds are kept in good condition. During the rainy season the wall in three places fell, which we had rebuilt, we think, substantially.

Knowing the trust the Yearly Meeting has committed to me, I feel myself under no little anxiety to do my part well; not only in looking well after the financial interest, but doing everything I can for the elevation and upbuilding of these people.

Our hearts are saddened as we think of the removal of dear Eli Jones, the father of this Mission, and Margaret C. Kimber, to their eternal rest above. Our missionary ranks are broken! Dear friends, who will fill their places? Who in our own dear Yearly Meeting will rise up and say, "Here am I, Lord, send me?" Let our prayers ascend to the "Lord of the Harvest," that He will send forth laborers as faithful to their trust as were these dear friends.

We heartily thank the Friends of our several auxiliaries for their valuable contributions of clothing, bedding, etc. Many thanks were expressed by the recipients for these needed donations.

We also express our deep gratitude to all who are helping us and feel an interest in this Mission. Dear friends, we still ask for your sympathies and prayers; that the work to which we believe our dear Lord has called us may prosper, and that strength and wisdom be given to carry it on to His praise and glory.

The Hospital Department, under the care of Dr. Tabbot during the first of the year, was carried on with moderate success. At his departure, on the account of ill-health, it fell upon Huldah H. Leighton to attend to these duties. For three weeks she had the added care of Dr. Tabbot, as he was ill at the Mission, and since then she has administered to the wants of the many day patients, who average ten per day, and has been very successful in relieving them by simple remedies. When very severe cases have been presented, she has got chances in the hospital at Jerusalem for them. We desire to have more done in this important department.

One thing more can be added to this seemingly full report of our Mission in Bible lands, and with hearts full of gratitude, the Committee of this Yearly Meeting would say, that it was indeed the guiding hand of the Heavenly Father, which led to those far away shores, his servant, who stands to-day at the head of the Mission Home in Ramallah.

With steady hand, firm will, and trusting dependence upon her Guide, Huldah H. Leighton has carried on the work there, to the glory of God, and the uplifting of the people. To her they look for comfort and counsel; she has been a tender mother to them all, a friend and counsellor, and proved herself to possess "the wisdom born of God," which He gives unto His servants who trust implicitly in Him, in time of need.

To her, in the many perplexing and tiring duties which devolve upon her, we must extend our strong aid, in funds and supplies, that the work may be prospered and the fields filled with reapers; and for Huldah H.

Leighton and our young sister, Etta Johnston, we must send our prayers to the throne of grace, that their strength, spiritually and physically, may be spared them to continue the blessed work for the Master. The young teachers so bravely working with them and our girls at the Home, all deserve our good-will and earnest prayers, that they may gather golden grain for the Master day by day, and when summoned home, they all may come, " bringing their sheaves with them."

We cannot close our report without a loving tribute to the memory of our dear friend, Eli Jones, who has been so long our honored Chairman, and who first put us in communication with the Bible lands, as not only sacred to us in the past, but filled with interest and real work for us in the present. The future looks lonely to us without his co-operation and appreciative interest, but in the Heavenly Jerusalem above, he has heard the welcome to the "good and faithful servant," and has entered into the "joy of his Lord" to go no more out forever.

CHARLES M. JONES, *Cor. Sec.*

P. S. — We would recommend the appointment of a new Committee at this time, and an appropriation of one thousand dollars.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Committee on Foreign Missions for New England Yearly Meeting of Friends in account with Timothy B. Hussey, Treasurer,

1889	Cr.	
	By balance on hand from last year	$18 19
6 mo.	By cash from F. M. Association of Windham Monthly Meeting	10 00
6 mo.	By cash from E. A. Bailey	25 00
6 mo.	By cash from a Friend	5 00
6 mo.	By cash from Dover Monthy Meeting	5 00
6 mo.	By cash from collections at Yearly Meeting .	230 61
6 mo.	By cash from Harry Wood and wife	5 00
6 mo.	By check from Benjamin F. Knowles	50 00
8 mo.	By amount received from the Ellen Congdon legacy	2650 00
9 mo.	By check from Farnham Monthly Meeting, Canada, by Seneca H. Stevens towards education of Nijmee Chadura at Ramallah . . .	32 75
9 mo.	By check from S. R. Buffinton to cover Yearly Meeting appropriation	750 00
9 mo.	By check from Ellen K. Buffum	10 00
9 mo.	By check from Woonsocket Bible School, by Esther Osborne	26 50
	Amount carried forward,	$3818 05

	Amount brought forward,	$3818 05
9 mo.	By check from H. J. Bailey, Treasurer W. F. M. S. from Iowa W. F. M. S., for the education, for one-half year, of five girls at Ramallah	162 50
9 mo.	By check from H. J. Bailey, Treasurer W. F. M. S. towards salary of one officer at Ramallah	30 00
9 mo.	By check from Anna G. Wood	20 00
9 mo.	By cash from Sarah Grace Price (when visiting Mission)	8 00
9 mo.	By cash from Helen B. Harris (when visiting Mission)	8 00
9 mo.	By cash from Thos. Hodgkin (when visiting Mission)	8 00
9 mo.	By cash collected at School Committee Meeting at Providence	23 50
10 mo.	By check from Eleanor Cattell of Garfield, Ohio, towards education of girls at Ramallah,	36 00
11 mo.	By cash received at lecture in Portsmouth, R.I.	5 11
11 mo.	By check from Flora Bailey on behalf of her Bible Class, for education of five day scholars one year at Ramallah	25 00
12 mo.	By check from Gideon Wood	10 00
12 mo.	By cash from Joseph Ewer on behalf of Sandwich Monthly Meeting	23 00
12 mo.	By cash from Hannah A. Brightman from Allen's Neck Bible School	5 00
12 mo.	By check from Olney T. Meader and wife . .	25 00
12 mo.	By amount borrowed from Building Fund . .	500 00
12 mo.	By check from A. F. Cox and wife	50 00
1890		
1 mo.	By check from R. P. Gifford on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting	100 00
1 mo.	By cash from Silas H. Cartland on behalf of Parsonsfield Monthly Meeting	7 40
1 mo.	By check from Sarah J. Swift, $64 from Friends in Worcester, and $14 from Worcester Bible School	78 00
1 mo.	By check from Isaac Winslow on behalf of St. Albans Monthly Meeting	5 00
1 mo.	By check from Nathaniel Howland on behalf of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting	7 00
1 mo.	By cash from Mary P. Babcock on behalf of Peacedale Monthly Meeting	2 00
	Amount carried forward,	$4956 56

	Amount brought forward,	$4956 56
1 mo.	By cash from Mary S. Macomber on behalf of Westport Monthly Meeting	16 00
1 mo.	By check from Richard Battey on behalf of Woonsocket Monthly Meeting	35 00
	By cash from Eli Jones on behalf of China Monthly Meeting	5 00
1 mo.	By cash from Emily Weeks	5 50
1 mo.	By check from Paul and H. R. Wing on behalf of Fairfield Preparatory Meeting	9 00
1 mo.	By check from H. J. Bailey, Treasurer W. F. M. S. towards salary of one officer	15 00
1 mo.	By cash from Lydia E. Jenkins	4 50
1 mo.	By cash from Mary Hobbs towards educating girl at Ramallah	5 00
1 mo.	By cash from Eliza P. Pierce on behalf of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting	5 00
1 mo.	By check from Chas. A. Nichols on behalf of Windham Monthly Meeting	5 63
1 mo.	By check from Fall River Preparative Meeting	17 60
1 mo.	By check from Fall River Bible School, by Marianna Gifford	5 00
1 mo.	By check from Bolton Monthly Meeting, by Susie M. and Bertha M. Wheeler	5 00
1 mo.	By check from Manchester Friends, by Lizzie M. Hawkes	7 50
1 mo.	By check from New Bedford Meeting, by Anna G. Wood	54 10
2 mo.	By check from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, by J. S. Anthony	15 00
2 mo.	By cash from Sidney Monthly Meeting, by Phebe W. Sawtelle	5 00
2 mo.	By cash from Lecture at Maple Grove, Aroostook, Me.	5 50
2 mo.	By cash from Winthrop and West Gardner Friends, by Mabel G. Bailey	20 00
2 mo.	By check from Friends in Uxbridge, by Sarah J. Swift	8 50
2 mo.	By cash from George Estes	2 00
2 mo.	By cash from Berwick Monthly Meeting, by Samuel Buffum	33 00
2 mo.	By cash from Ellen F. Hobbs towards educating girl at Ramallah	5 00
2 mo.	By cash from Harry Wood and wife	5 00
2 mo.	By cash from Winthrop Auxiliary, by H. J. Bailey, Treas. W. F. M. S.	90 00
	Amount carried forward,	$5340 39

	Amount brought forward,	$5340 39
2 mo.	By cash from Samuel Buffum	5 00
2 mo.	By check from Lynn Bible School, $10.41 and Preparative Meeting, $39.59 by Eli Jepson .	50 00
3 mo.	By check from Geo. A. Crosman	25 00
3 mo.	By cash from Clara H. Willetts, of Iowa, for day scholar one year	5 00
3 mo.	By check from Iowa W. F. M. S., by H. J. Bailey, Treasurer	162 50
3 mo.	By check from subscriptions of E. T. Larkin and other Friends	15 00
3 mo.	By check from W. F. M. S., by H. J. Bailey, Treasurer	184 47
4 mo.	By cash from Friends in Bolton, by Bertha M. Wheeler	38 00
4 mo.	By check from Friends in Fall River and Swansea, by S. R. Buffinton	45 00
4 mo.	By check from Portland Monthly Meeting, by Myra E. Frye	17 50
4 mo.	By check from East Farnum Monthly Meeting, Canada, towards education of girl at Ramallah	32 50
4 mo.	By check from Dover Monthly Meeting, by Wm. P. Jenkins	13 00
4 mo.	By check from W. F. M. S., by H. J. Bailey, Treas.	50 00
4 mo.	By cash from Harry Wood and wife	7 00
4 mo.	By cash from William and Susan T. Thompson	10 00
4 mo.	By check from Sam'l R. Buffinton	5 00
5 mo.	By check from Hannah J. Bailey	20 00
5 mo.	By check from Greenwich Monthly Meeting, by S. R. Buffinton	3 00
5 mo.	By check from So. Kingston Monthly Meeting, by S. R. Buffinton	2 00
5 mo.	By check from New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank	500 00
5 mo.	By check from W. F. M. S., of Indiana, by H. J. Bailey, Treas.	65 00
5 mo.	By check from Kidder, Peabody Co. (amount overpaid on draft)	13 75
5 mo.	By check from Benj. Butler, Treas. of Fund of Damascus Meeting, O., for education of girl at Ramallah	65 00
5 mo.	By cash from Windham Bible School, by Nathan Pope	2 33
	Amount carried forward,	$6676 44

	Amount brought forward,	$6676 44	
6 mo.	By checks from Mary Ann Evans and Sarah Hussey of Indiana for educating girl at Ramallah	65 00	
6 mo.	By cash from Smith's Neck Bible School, Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, by Olive D. Howland	5 00	
6 mo.	By check from Rebecca H. Smiley	10 00	
6 mo.	By cash from Manchester Preparative Meeting, by Lizzie M. Hawkes	1 60	
6 mo.	By amount received from deposit in bank . .	76 70	
			$6834 74
1889	DR.		
6 mo.	To draft sent to Ramallah (£200)	$978 00	
7 mo.	To draft sent to Ramallah (£100)	488 25	
8 mo.	To travelling expenses, &c., of Matron and Assistant	257 11	
8 mo.	To salary sent Dr. Hessenauer	256 00	
9 mo.	To amount paid Breisch & Co., for lumber . .	191 00	
9 mo.	To amount paid Dr. Hessenauer	373 21	
9 mo.	To amount paid for taxes and insurance on Ramallah property	75 00	
9 mo.	To amount paid for current expenses for third quarter, and land at Ramallah	795 00	
10 mo.	To amount paid for current expenses of Mission at Ramallah	609 62	
10 mo.	To amount paid for goods sent Mission at Ramallah	62 92	
10 mo.	To amount paid for stationery	3 00	
11 mo.	To amount paid Kaiser Aswad for labor at Ramallah	32 00	
11 mo.	To amount paid rent of Committee Room in Tremont Temple	2 00	
12 mo.	To amount paid for pictures of Mission Buildings and groups of Ramallah children . . .	23 00	
12 mo.	To amount paid for printing and postage . .	8 34	
12 mo.	To amount paid for draft for expenses of Mission at Ramallah	485 00	
1890			
2 mo.	To amount paid for draft for expenses of Mission at Ramallah	607 44	
4 mo.	To amount paid for goods sent to Mission at Ramallah	9 08	
4 mo.	To amount sent to H. J. Bailey, Treasurer of W. F. M. S. (received from Bolton) . . .	38 00	
	Amount carried forward,	$5293 97	

	Amount brought forward.	$5293 97	
4 mo.	To amount paid for printed matter	24 50	
5 mo.	To amount paid for draft for expenses of Mission at Ramallah	486 25	
	To deposits made at various times in New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank	936 72	
6 mo.	To amount paid Dr. Hessenauer in full settlement	93 30	
			$6834 74

NOTE.— There is now on deposit in the New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank to the credit of the Mission, $1800.

The Report was accepted and very satisfactory and encouraging to the Meeting. The Committee of last year is continued to nominate a Committee to whom this important concern may be entrusted the ensuing year, and report at a future sitting.

The sum of $520.04 was collected by voluntary contribution for the current expenses of the Mission. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year, and the said contributions are desired to be made as early as the First Month, next year.

38. The Committee appointed to prepare a Minute to be placed upon our records, on the subject of prohibition, etc., have presented the following, which is fully united with, viz. : —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROHIBITION.

Realizing that the command, "Let your light shine," is enjoined upon us by our Divine Master, we, as an organization, declare in favor of prohibition of the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicants as a beverage. To this end, with God's help, we believe we should, as a Church and as individuals, employ our utmost efforts for the suppression of this practice, till the bonds are broken, and our land is delivered from this iniquity. Also, believing that the command, "Be ye clean," means both the individual and the Church, it is the advice of this Meeting that no member of our Society be placed in any official position in the Church who uses intoxicants, except as prescribed by a physician, or who indulges in the personal use of tobacco or other narcotics, and we advise our Monthly Meetings to tenderly admonish all their members addicted to these pernicious habits.

On behalf of the Committee.

ZEPHANIAH BREED,
HANNAH J. BAILEY.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 16th, 1890.

We adjourn to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY MORNING, THE 17TH.

The Meeting assembled in separate sessions, pursuant to adjournment.

39. An Epistle from North Carolina Yearly Meeting was now received and read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

40. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries. The answers are as follows, viz.: —

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANSWER 1. All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except forty-six omissions, and also one small Mid-week Meeting, which was not held for a period of three months. Four of the omissions occasioned by inclement weather and sickness. Most of the Mid-week Meetings are small. The hour generally well observed.

ANS. 2. Three of our Quarterly Meetings report exceptions to love and unity; and two report detraction not wholly guarded against. Care is generally taken to end differences.

ANS. 3. Nearly all Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and with some exceptions in several of our Quarterly Meetings to train those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4. Very generally we read the Holy Scriptures in our families, as well as individually, encouraging our children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty, with exceptions mentioned in three of the answers, we maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

ANS. 5. The use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, is avoided, with twenty-four exceptions, and a "few cases" reported in two of the answers, with slight exceptions, careful in the other requirements of this query.

ANS. 6. Nearly clear in the several parts of this query.

ANS. 7. Four of the Quarterly Meetings mention some deficiencies in maintaining our testimony against bearing arms and other military matters, and in regard to oaths, clear of defrauding the public revenue.

ANS. 8. Nearly all our members exercise a prudent care in regard to their temporal affairs, and, with few exceptions, meet their obligations promptly.

ANS. 9. There is some remissness reported, both as to records and certificates.

ANS. 10. We think the discipline is administered in Christian tenderness, and impartially, though not always as timely as would be best.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

While considering the state of society, we were reminded of the words of our Saviour, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you do ye even so to them." Only the true disciples of Christ can live in the spirit of this command, for they only have learned the Divine law of love. Love is not simply the absence of hatred, it is an active principle in the heart and in the life. It imagines no evil against another, neither does it receive and entertain evil reports against a brother without the clearest evidence of their truth; it banishes from the heart the spirit of criticism, and makes a brother's reputation and character dear to us as our own; it seeks to restore the wanderer, to strengthen the weak, and, in all things, to imitate the example of Him from whose gracious lips came forth the law of love. Each individual should be careful to maintain the Christian life in every way that God requires; and this can only be done as we remain rooted and grounded in love. In this spirit we shall seek to know and to supply the needs of our brethren, and, especially, of those who labor among us, in word and doctrine, as God has given us the ability, and in this spirit the differences of opinion, which agitate the Church, will be settled according to the mind and will of Christ, and we enabled to dwell together as brethren in the Lord.

41. The Committee to bring forward names to constitute a Committee on Foreign Missions present the following:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Timothy B. Hussey,
Anna M. Hussey,
Anna G. Wood,
Charles M. Jones,
S. Caroline Tobey,
Mary Almy Chase,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Eli Jepson,
Harriett D. Collins,
William Thompson,
Susan T. Thompson,
Elizabeth K. Jones,
Addie F. Chace,
Phebe W. Sawtelle,
Ruth S. Murray,
Robert P. Gifford,
William T. Hussey,
Augustus F. Cox,
Jennie E. Reynolds,
Olney T. Meader,
Martha Hoag,
Mary W. Jones,
John Henry Crosman,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Rufus M. Jones,
Sarah Marble,

Silas H. Cartland, Harry Wood,
Linwood W. Jones, Clara A. Winslow.
Alice C. Earle.

On behalf of the Committee.

CHARLES M. JONES.

which is approved by this and the Women's Meeting.

42. An Epistle to Canada Yearly Meeting was now read and approved. The Clerk is directed to sign and forward it to that Meeting.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

Afternoon — The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

43. The Committee on Peace have presented their Annual Report, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee have attended to their appointment. We have circulated Peace literature, and some of our members have been actively engaged in Peace organizations, where their services have been much appreciated.

The success of the International Peace Congress, in Paris, last year; the wonderful achievements of the Pan American Conference, in Washington, this year, joining together all the governments on this continent, except Mexico and Chili, in an agreement to submit international questions to arbitration, and that no war in any event shall be waged by either high contracting party for the acquisition of territory; leave us to expect very much from the next International Peace Congress, to be held in London the 14th of the Seventh Month, 1890. We suggest to the Yearly Meeting the propriety of sending delegates to the London Peace Congress, with a memorial from this Yearly Meeting.

We record, with much sorrow, the death of our Chairman, Benjamin F. Knowles. His interest and labors in this cause have been untiring for many years.

On behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON.

Newport, Sixth Month 17th, 1890.

The Report was satisfactory to the Meeting.

The Committee have proposed the following named Friends a Committee on Peace the ensuing year, which is approved, and is as follows, viz.: —

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

Augustine Jones,	Samuel R. Buffinton,
Thomas Wood,	Sarah J. Swift,
James H. Chace,	M. Augusta Battey,
Alfred H. Jones,	Caroline Alice Jones,
Thomas Chase,	Lucretia G. Chace,
John Metcalfe,	Mary R. Jones,
Wm. T. Hussey,	Hattie B. Metcalfe.

44. The proposition to send delegates to the "International Peace Congress to be held in London the 14th of Seventh Month, 1890," and to send "a Memorial" to the said Congress, is fully approved, and we appoint Augustine Jones, James H. Chace and Lucretia G. Chace our delegates, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with proper credentials signed on behalf of this Meeting.

MEMORIAL.

TO THE UNIVERSAL PEACE CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN LONDON, SEVENTH MONTH 14TH, 1890:

Dear Friends,— The Christian religion is the religion of Peace, our Lord Jesus Christ was the Mediator. He sought reconciliation of man to God, and also of man to his fellow-man.

All therefore who call themselves Christians, whether individuals or nations, should distinctly teach and practically illustrate the peace principles proclaimed by our Divine Master.

Now, therefore, we the undersigned Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, U.S.A., on the 17th day of Sixth Month, 1890, do hereby most respectfully but most earnestly request your Congress to do such acts and make such declarations as shall in your judgement, swiftly hasten the day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation. And we request to this end that you impress upon the nations of the earth, with all the weight of your influence, the expedient Christian duty of submitting international questions to arbitration, and further that every attempt of one nation to acquire the territory of another by force of arms is unchristian and a thing justly to be condemned by all civilized nations.

We suggest for your consideration the appointment by you of persons to visit those in authority in the armed nations of Europe, who shall present to them the practical conclusions of your Congress, and urge reasonably upon them the expediency and necessity of disarmament at an early day.

45. This Meeting is fully united in adopting and forwarding to James G. Blaine, Secretary of State, the following expression of its grateful appreciation of the achievements of the late Pan American Conference in Washington, D.C., viz.: —

To the Hon. James G. Blaine, Secretary of State, Washington, D.C.:

The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, now assembled at Newport, R. I., hereby presents to thee its very deep and grateful appreciation of the achievements of the late Pan American Conference in Washington, in uniting nearly all the American States, in an agreement to submit international questions to arbitration, and also in abolishing the right of conquest in the territory of hostile States between parties to these treaties.

This Conference in the providence of God has applied the doctrine of the Golden Rule to the affairs of States far in advance of the general progress of the world. It has called upon the armed nations of Europe to pause and consider in the light of Christian civilization and Christian ethics, whether courts of justice, treaties, and international law are not the only foundation for mutual confidence between States, as between individuals, and whether the time is not drawing near when it shall be expedient for these Christian nations to disarm and remove the fearful burdens of war from their inhabitants.

It may justly be questioned whether this triumphant beginning, in the recognition of the Christian obligation of States to each other, may not prove to be the brightest spot on the record of this remarkable century.

We return thanks to our Father in Heaven with grateful hearts for the broad Christian statesmanship, which, at one bound, has accomplished so much, and we prayerfully hope that it is the dawning of a new era, when Christian morality shall take the place of barbarism and brute force in the disputes of nations.

46. Dover Quarterly Meeting proposes William Penn Tuttle and Fairfield Quarterly Meeting proposes Joseph E. Briggs to serve on the Finance Committee this year, which is approved by this Meeting.

47. The Report of the Committee on Gospel Work was now presented and read, as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

Dear Friends,— At the beginning of their year of service the Committee were confronted by some rather discouraging facts. The means placed at their command were small as compared with the previous year.

The Committee was reduced by seven, and lost more than that number of members who had hitherto gone forth in gospel labor. During the year two other causes operated against the work. The general prevalence of sickness, and the painful thought that in many places there was no adequate preparation or provision on the part of the Church for the proper instruction and shepherding of such as might be gathered in by the labors of the anointed evangelist. Notwithstanding these occasions of discouragement, the Committee are thankful that they can say to the praise of Him, who multiplied the widow's oil, and made of the five loaves sufficient for the multitude of five thousand, He has put upon his children such a spirit of service, and otherwise so helped forward His work, that the results have not been reduced in the same ratio as the pecuniary outlay. This will appear from the following report:

Number of Meetings visited	40
Number of series of Meetings	29
Whole number included in the series	437
Meetings visited without continuous service	137
Whole number of Meetings held	662
Number of Bible Readings	32
Number of Children's Meetings	16
Number of families visited	507
Number of professed conversions	95
Number of professed renewals	93
Number who have claimed sanctification through the Spirit and belief of the truth	119

Taking into consideration the impediments before mentioned, the Report presents many encouraging features, as will appear by comparing it with reports of former years. With these blessed evidences before us of the owning presence of the Master in our various service, we have yet the thought forced upon us constantly, and we ask its prayerful consideration by the Yearly Meeting, of the great need of a more effective distribution of our gospel ministry. Hundreds of babes in Christ are crying for instruction in the things of God; and even many maturer Christians need for the fuller development of their Christian life, the helps which come through a sanctified gospel ministry. May there not be something for the Church to do, earnestly and decisively, in dealing her bread to the hungry and satisfying the afflicted soul? In many of our Meetings there is little ministry. Some of our ministers whose labors are sweetly blessed away from home, themselves feel that their home Meetings need the helpful influence of other gifts; while there are within the Yearly Meeting a number of young and promising ministers and workers, who are evidently under the Divine anointing for effectual service, and whose means are not such as to enable them to take their places in the work of evangelizing or shepherding. The Committee are not seeking radical changes in our mode of dealing with the ministry, but ask for the sympathy of the Yearly Meeting and the aid of the particular Meetings in an earnest, watchful and prayerful effort to enable ministers to occupy freely and effectually the fields of service for which the Lord has adapted them, and to which He may clearly call them. Larger means are greatly needed, as well as other forms of encouragement, and an appeal is hereby made to the Yearly Meeting for as liberal aid as possible. Those who give of their means for the gospel have a part in this most important branch of the Church's work, as truly as those who give their time and energies, and may share with them the comfort of the thought that, "He that converteth a sinner from the error of his ways, shall save a soul from death." May God enable the Committee the coming year to accomplish larger results for the Master than in any previous year. We recommend the appointment of a new Committee. The Committee have deeply felt the loss of two of their number, Benjamin F. Knowles and Eli Jones, both of whom had aided much with their sympathy, their prayers, and their labors.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

ALBERT F. MINOTT, *General Supt.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 14th, 1890.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

1889	RECEIPTS		
6 mo.	Balance from last year	$126 14	
6 mo.	Collection at Portland	165 10	
8 mo.	Winthrop Monthly Meeting	22 01	
9 mo.	Ellen C. Maxfield (Casco Meeting)	6 00	
9 mo.	Winthrop Monthly Meeting	20 00	
12 mo.	Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer Yearly Meeting,	100 00	
1890			
2 mo.	Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer Yearly Meeting,	100 00	
2 mo.	Westport Monthly Meeting	9 00	
3 mo.	R. I. Monthly Meeting	2 25	
3 mo.	Lynn Preparative Meeting	20 00	
3 mo.	New Bedford Meeting	12 50	
3 mo.	Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer	100 00	
4 mo.	Salem Preparative Meeting	12 00	
4 mo.	Swansea Monthly Meeting	4 00	
4 mo.	A Friend	5 00	
5 mo.	Greenwich Monthly Meeting	3 00	
5 mo.	Dover Monthly Meeting	3 50	
			$710 50

EXPENDITURES.

Expended by the Committee	$682 00	
Balance on hand	28 50	
		$710 50

OLNEY T. MEADER, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, Sixth Month 11th, 1890.

The Report is very interesting and satisfactory to the Meeting, and we conclude to continue the concern of the Meeting in this direction under the care of the same Committee, with the exception of Benjamin F. Knowles and Eli Jones, deceased, and the addition of David J. Douglas and Amos M. Kenworthy. Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to aid the Committee in the furtherance of their work. Monthly Meetings also are requested to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the work the ensuing year and forward the same to the Treasurer of the Committee. The sum of $600 was collected by voluntary contribution at this time and placed in the hands of the Committee.

COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

AUGUSTUS F. COX, *Chairman.*
DAVID J. DOUGLAS, *General Superintendent.*
JOSEPH E. BRIGGS, *Treasurer.*
ELIZABETH T. LARKIN, *Secretary.*

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents.

Rhode Island,	Harriet D. Collins.
Salem,	Olney T. Meader.
Sandwich,	Anna G. Wood.
Falmouth,	Albert F. Minott.
Smithfield,	John Metcalfe.
Vassalboro,	Alfred H. Jones.
Dover,	Emeline H. Tuttle.
Fairfield,	Andrew J. Williams.
Parsonsfield,	John B. Cartland.

General Committee.

David J. Douglas, Hallowell, Me.
Harriet D. Collins, Hopkinton, R.I.
Elizabeth T. Larkin, Peabody, Mass.

Olney T. Meader, Boston, Mass., 634 Warren St.
Anna G. Wood, New Bedford, Mass.
Edward T. Tucker, New Bedford, Mass.
Augustus F. Cox, Portland, Me., 97 Winter St.
S. Jane Cox, Portland, Me., 97 Winter St.
Albert F. Minott, Deering, Me.
John Metcalfe, Woonsocket, R.I.
Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.
Amos M. Kenworthy, Fall River, Mass.
Peace Jones, South China, Me.
Alfred H. Jones, China, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N.H.
Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Andrew J. Williams, Winthrop Centre, Me.
John B. Cartland, North Sandwich, N.H.
Elizabeth H. Cobb, East Parsonsfield, Me.
Phebe L. Pope, East Parsonsfield, Me.

48. The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools has now been read, and is as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Bible Schools undertook this year to forward the interests confided to its charge, by encouraging local schools, and by aiding in the work of the Quarterly Conferences. To this end, the members of the Committee were appointed to visit certain schools and report their condition. Information was sent to the officers of Quarterly Conferences that we could arrange for speakers at any time. In these two lines of endeavor, perfect success has not been achieved, yet some good has doubtless been done by the faithfulness of the members of the Committee.

The reports that come up to us show an average attendance about as last year. Several schools have grown in members. The statistical report cannot be accurately made up, on account of the failure of some ten schools to send their reports.

There is in most cases an increasing interest in Bible study. The libraries of several schools are small and inadequate to the needs. This gives an opportunity for diligent inquiry as to how the need may be met. There may be some libraries that could spare a few books for other places. The Bible School Committee can be a channel of information in this regard.

We notice an interesting feature in the reports from Lynn and Fall River. There is a Chinese Department connected with the Lynn School, while the Fall River School provides a system by which there is a Home

Department for those who cannot go to the school, but still study the lesson and report to their school.

Three needs are mentioned by our schools — scholars, teachers, and books. More than all, is the need of power from the Lord. Does the lack of scholars indicate, in some cases, a lack of earnestness on the part of teachers? Certainly it cannot be necessary that one-third of our schools should have an average attendance of less than twenty. We would encourage the Bible School workers to persevere in their labor, resting not until all within their reach have been urged to come and hear the truth from week to week. If, even after that, the school remains small, the faithful effort that has been made will not be unrewarded, but the blessing of the Lord will rest on those who study the Bible with living interest.

It is to be regretted that any school should be hindered in its work for lack of teachers. This kind of labor is awaiting the earnest, consecrated children of the Lord.

We are glad that so ample provision is made for the educational advance of teachers and others in the plans of the Home Study Bible School, whose report we heartily endorse.

We recommend that the interests of our Bible Schools be confided to the care of a Committee, and that a suitable sum be appropriated for its use the coming year.

MARTHA HOAG, *Secretary.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 16th, 1890.

HOME STUDY BIBLE SCHOOL.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS:

Dear Friends:— The work of the Home Study Bible School during the past year has made steady progress. Friends have not yet taken hold of the study with the interest we could desire, and yet the amount of real work done far surpasses that of any previous year.

The lesson papers corrected by the Principal have been about twice as many as last year.

The influence of the work is spreading, and there are evidences that the school stimulates Bible study among many who do not actually accomplish the courses of study offered by it.

The number of students enrolled at present is as follows:

New Testament course	101
Old Testament course, *A*	16
Old Testament course, *B*	4
Teachers' course	27
Ecclesiastical History course	8
Beginning Greek course	1
Advanced Greek course	3
Total	160

The following have graduated during the year from the courses indicated:

New Testament Course.

Sarah A. Dale, Pickering, Ont., Canada.
Phebe J. Wright, Pickering, Ont., Canada.
Ellen A. Winslow, Friends' Academy, Union Springs, N.Y.
Jennie P. Douglass, Lisbon Falls, Me.
Ida Brown, South Durham, Me.
Deborah P. Atherton, Philadelphia, Pa.

Old Testament Course, A.

Addie F. Chace, Swansea, Mass.

Old Testament Course, B.

Anna Morris, Philadelphia, Pa.

In addition to the regular work of instruction, the Principal has written 222 letters during the year in the interests of the school, exclusive of circulars sent out, and has likewise purchased and mailed many books to students in remote districts.

It is with the Principal a serious question whether it is possible for him to continue this work.

It is done at present at a great sacrifice of time, which ought to be devoted to other things; a sacrifice which he cannot afford to make alone. Last year the Committee thought it right to try and raise $300 in partial compensation for this. The effort, however, has so far failed that the total receipts of the school for the year have been $105.62, of which $30.50 has been received from fees, and $75.12 from subscriptions.

It will easily be seen from this at what a disadvantage the school is placed. Unless some means can be devised to avoid this the coming year, the work may have to be discontinued.

Could it receive proper support, this modest undertaking might become the greatest blessing to many who have been denied the privilege of gaining the knowledge of the Scriptures needed for the Lord's work.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. A. BARTON, *Principal.*

BOSTON, Sixth Month 3d, 1890.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1889	RECEIPTS.		
9 mo.	From Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer	$25 00	
12 mo.	From Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer	25 00	
1890			
6 mo.	From Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer	13 68	
			$63 68

1889	EXPENDITURES.		
11 mo.	John Metcalfe, Chairman	$10 00	
12 mo.	Martha Hoag, Secretary	5 00	
12 mo.	Geo. A. Barton, expense of printing, postage, &c., of Home Study Bible School	30 07	
1890			
1 mo.	John Metcalfe, Chairman	15 00	
6 mo.	Martha Hoag, Secretary	2 10	
6 mo.	A. A. Allen, printing	1 00	
6 mo.	Publishing Association Friends	51	
			$63 68

OLNEY T. MEADER, *Treasurer.*

Boston, Sixth Month 13th, 1890.

The above account has been examined together with vouchers, for same, and found correct.

WM. T. HUSSEY, *Auditor.*

Newport, Sixth Month 16th, 1890.

The Report is satisfactory, and the same Committee is continued for service another year.

BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

John Metcalfe, *Chairman*, Woonsocket, R.I.
Martha Hoag, *Secretary*, 144 Blue Hill Ave., Boston, Mass.
Olney T. Meader, *Treasurer*, 634 Warren St., Roxbury, Mass.

Executive Committee.

Rhode Island,	Thos. J. Battey,
Salem,	Daniel C. Maxfield.
Sandwich,	Sarah H. Taber.
Falmouth,	Ellen C. Maxfield.
Falmouth,	Henry F. Newell.
Smithfield,	Oscar J. Morse.
Vassalboro,	Frank E. Jones.
Dover,	William T. Hussey.
Fairfield,	C. Irving Bailey.
Parsonsfield,	Thos. W. Hoag.

Annie Macomber,
Chas. H. Atkins,
Chas. A. Chace,
Mary G. Winslow,
George B. Wing,
Lydia M. C. Tuttle,
Phebe L. Pope,
Salome C. Wheeler,
Geo. R. Wood,
Mary E. Taylor,
Emily S. Weeks,
Rufus M. Jones,
Geo. A. Barton.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at 9.30 o'clock.

Fourth-day Morning, the 18th.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

49. The following Summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, viz.: —

SUMMARY OF ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES FROM THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

Answer. 1. Our members are generally diligent in the attendance of our Meetings for worship and discipline, and encourage the attendance of their families. One Quarterly Meeting reports exceptions in the attendance of Meetings for discipline.

Ans. 2. With a few exceptions, we are in unity one with another and with the Meetings to which we belong, harmoniously laboring together in gathering unto Christ.

Ans. 3. We believe our members are frequently engaged in searching the Holy Scriptures in the prayerful spirit queried after, and careful not to misquote or misapply them.

MINUTE OF THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We are forcibly reminded at this time, that the Lord never fails His trusting servants. He makes a way where there is no way.

Perfect consecration to God, the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire, and perfect trust, are necessary to Christian life and Christian service. We want not a Church on paper, but a Church in fact. The revelation of God by the Spirit, is still spared to the Church, and is the source of her power. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Let us not mistake precious leadings by the Spirit for the baptism with the Spirit. We are fallible; yet by continuous consecration and faith we may so live as ever to reflect our Saviour's image. "My sheep hear my voice and they follow me."

Principles never change. Their application in practice may change greatly. Our forefathers did well the work assigned them. Our work is not in all respects the same, but may be as acceptably performed. Each must for himself wait upon God, discern His Spirit and walk in His will. We shall then walk in true spiritual unity. Divine love filling the soul is the secret of unity as well as of power.

We are set as watchmen upon the walls of Zion, and must tenderly seek out and aid the trembling ones. We need the Spirit which seeks to restore that which has gone astray. We should dwell so near the Lord as to have power in prayer, and should hold on to God in behalf of the children. God's preparing hand is on many of our younger members. May we discern His call to them and properly encourage them. As our loved workers are removed from us by death, it is not God's will that we shall close up the ranks, but fill them up. We should manifest fervent sympathy with the young, and not be hurt if everything does not conform to our preferences. Our chief service is to assist others in becoming and continuing holy. The present is our opportunity. We must ever preach Christ and Him crucified, and see that we declare the whole counsel of God. Education is not essential for this, though exceedingly helpful when under the power of sanctifying grace; so helpful that the Church has still something to do in preparing for effectual service, especially by the more diligent and faithful study of the Holy Scriptures. But the people will not decide between God and Baal, until they see the answer "by fire" — the power of Christ working in us and through us.

Ministers are servants of the Church under God. As representatives of the Church they have no moral right to misrepresent its doctrines. It is a duty of the Church to provide for the preaching of the gospel in needy Meetings, and the proper instruction of the membership in the principles of Christ. No one should engage in the ministry from any other motive than the Divine call; and he who has this can serve Christ, whether appreciated by the Church or not.

ALFRED H. JONES, *Clerk.*

The following constitutes the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, viz.: —

	Ministers	Elders	Associate Members
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting,	23	35	49
Salem " "	11	30	37
Sandwich " "	14	25	33
Falmouth " "	19	30	18
Smithfield " "	10	27	13
Vassalboro " "	18	36	20
Dover " "	6	15	7
Fairfield " "	14	37	28
Parsonsfield " "	6	10	18
Total,	121	245	223

Total membership of Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, 589.

50. The Representatives to whom was referred the propositions from Rhode Island and Dover Quarterly Meetings report as follows, viz.: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Representatives have considered the propositions from Rhode Island and Dover Quarterly Meetings and report as follows: — In regard to the Rhode Island proposition — way does not open at the present time for us to make a reapportionment of stock.

In regard to the proposition from Dover Quarterly Meeting, we recommend that when a member of a Monthly Meeting who has removed, or shall remove from the limits of his Monthly Meeting, and his whereabouts, after diligent enquiry, shall have been unknown for a period of three years, the Monthly Meeting shall be at liberty to drop his name from its list of members.

For the Representatives,

OWEN DAME, *Clerk.*

Newport, Sixth Month 17th, 1890.

The Report is satisfactory, and adopted by this and the Women's Meeting.

51. The Representatives to whom was referred the subject of the way of raising money for the use of this Meeting report as follows, viz.: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Representatives have considered the subject of the best method of raising money for the use of the Yearly Meeting, and are united in judgment that the present system be continued this year, and a Committee of two from each Quarterly Meeting be appointed by the Yearly Meeting to take the matter into consideration, and, if possible, devise some more satisfactory way of raising the necessary funds for the use of the Meeting, and report to our next Yearly Meeting. We nominate for this Committee — Phebe S. Aydelotte, Robert P. Gifford, Owen Dame, Anna M. Gove, Edward T. Tucker, Susan F. Hoxie, Augustus F. Cox, Lucy R. Goddard, Isaac Steere, Abigail Wheeler, William H. Cates, Etta S. Cates, William P. Tuttle, Almira B. Buffum, I. Warren Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Silas H. Cartland, and Julia A. Remick.

OWEN DAME, *Clerk.*

Newport, Sixth Month 17th, 1890.

The Report is satisfactory, and adopted by this Meeting, and the Committtee requested to report to our next Yearly Meeting — Women Friends concurring. This Meeting further recommends that Quarterly Meetings appoint from each of their Monthly Meetings, Committees to consult and advise with the members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee of their own Quarterly Meeting.

52. An Epistle from London Yearly Meeting addressed to this Meeting, was now received, and read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

53. The Committee having the care of Oak Grove Seminary the past year, have presented their Annual Report, viz. : —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY.

To the Yearly Meeting:

It is with much satisfaction, that we bring before you the report of work this year accomplished at Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

We have been highly favored in securing the services of Rufus M. Jones, A.M., as Principal, and no less so in having the presence of his wife, Sarah H. C. Jones, as Matron of the school. Under their efficient care, the school has steadily prospered; the life and energy which have characterized their every effort in behalf of the school have inspired strength and zeal in the teachers and scholars, and is rapidly increasing the prospect of Oak Grove standing as a banner school.

During the past year 118 scholars have attended the school.

The Faculty is composed of the following: —

Rufus M. Jones, A.M., Languages.
Lindley M. Stevens, A.B., Mathematics and Sciences.
Charles E. Cobb, Commercial Department.
Alice F. Mayberry, Governess, History and English.
Lettie M. Smith, Primary.
Sarah H. C. Jones, Botany.
Emily S. Weeks, Painting and Drawing.

The financial report is encouraging, and all funds provided for household necessities have been judiciously expended, providing ample comforts throughout the institution for the students.

The Commencement exercises occurred Fifth Month 23d, 1890, and from their "Alma Mater" an interesting and brilliant class of Christian young people went forth to take up their duties in the world.

By the kindness of Edward L. Farr and other benevolent friends of the Principal, 250 well selected volumes have been recently added to the 100 books, which, a year ago, formed the nucleus of a library for the institute. We feel very grateful to the donors for these much needed books.

The religious interest has been good. A number of conversions have resulted from the diligent prayerful efforts put forth to benefit the students, and lead them to Christ. Meetings have been held every First-day, morning and evening, and every Fourth-day morning. Noon prayer meetings have been held by the scholars, and a social prayer meeting once each week, by the girls. The Young People's Fellowship Union has had charge of Fourth-day evening and Fifth-day noon meetings.

A large addition to the collection of minerals formerly owned by the school has been made this year by the gift of Eli Jones, whose valuable minerals, secured in his extensive travels, were bequeathed to Oak Grove Seminary, and will be placed in a handsome case, adding much to the advantages of the Seminary, in the study of geology, beside being a tender reminder of him, who in life even unto the end, cherished this institution as a child of his adoption.

There has been very little sickness during the school year. The prevailing "La Grippe" made itself felt to some extent, but not seriously.

We recommend that a new Committee be appointed to have care of the Seminary the coming year.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

CHARLES M. JONES, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$7,872 82	
Maine State Treasurer	1,200 00	
New England Yearly Meeting of Friends	3,000 00	
Subscriptions	5,225 00	
Board and tuition	3,677 76	
Interest on loans	741 29	
		$21,716 87

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Expenses of School, Fencing, etc.	$5,463 62	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	253 25	
Mortgage Notes	10,000 00	
Other Notes	6,000 00	
		$21,716 87

Funds and Securities now in care of Treasurer.

Balance	$253 25	
Mortgage Notes on hand	10,000 00	
Other Notes on hand	6,000 00	
The Sybil Jones fund	613 73	
The Mary E. Austin fund	3,000 00	
		$19,866 98

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, and found them correct.

JOHN J. FRYE, } *Auditors.*
HANNAH J. BAILEY, }

The Report is accepted and approved by the Meeting, and the Committee now under appointment is continued for service another year, with the substitution of Henry and Mary G. Winslow in place of Eli Jones and Benjamin F. Knowles, deceased. Joseph E. Briggs is reappointed Treasurer.

COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY.

Charles M. Bailey,
C. Irving Bailey,
Charles M. Jones,
Augustine Jones,
Joseph E. Briggs,
John J. Frye,
Joseph T. Richardson,
Ezra Hawkes,
John H. Crosman,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Arthur Taber,
Frank E. Jones,
John F. Chase,
Alfred H. Jones,
Augustus F. Cox,
Henry Winslow,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Susan T. Thompson,
Myra E. Frye,
Huldah H. Leighton,
Ruthanna H. Washburn,
Mary E. Richardson,
Harriet L. Hoxie,
S. Jane Cox,
Harriet D. Collins,
Mary Ann Hoxie,
Julia E. Winslow,
Emma S. Briggs,
C. Alice Jones,
Mary E. Taber,
Sarah Marble,
Eliza P. Pierce,
Anna F. Hall,
Mary G. Winslow.

Treasurer.
Joseph E. Briggs, of Winthrop, Me.

54. The Committee appointed as per Minute 52 of last year report as follows, viz.: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee under appointment to solicit subscriptions toward completing the Endowment Fund for Oak Grove Seminary report, that after earnest endeavors, only $111 has been secured within the limits of three of the Quarterly Meetings. One reason for the small amount is that many Friends interested in this School have already paid liberally toward this Fund. Another is, that others object to paying, on the ground that as the Yearly Meeting has given its note for the amount of $3000, there is little need of private contributions.

For the Committee.

PHEBE S. AYDELOTT, *Secretary.*

Newport, Sixth Month 17th, 1890.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

1889.			
8 mo.	From Daniel Meader	$25 00	
8 mo.	By Phebe S. Aydelott	5 00	
9 mo.	By Geo. B. Wing	36 00	
11 mo.	So. Kingston Monthly Meeting	25 00	
1890.			
2 mo.	By P. S. Aydelott	5 00	
5 mo.	By W. P. Jenkins, Dover Monthly Meeting	15 00	
			$111 00

Paid to Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer Yearly Meeting $111 00

For the Committee.

OLNEY T. MEADER.

BOSTON, Sixth Month 9th, 1890.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and the Committee released — Women Friends concurring.

55. The proposition from Indiana Yearly Meeting in regard to the formation of a Central Missionary Board, which was referred by Minute 52 of last year to this Meeting, has been again considered, but has not met our concurrence. It was decided that a paragraph to that effect should be inserted in our Epistle to that Meeting.

56. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, have presented a Report which has been read, and is as follows, viz. : —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The work of the Associated Executive Committee, in Indian Territory, is carried on under the supervision of Charles W. Kirk, who often visits each particular Meeting and mission station, encouraging the workers and arranging, with good judgment, the various parts of the work. As a result, a larger number of Indians hear the Gospel, with increasing interest, and converts are multiplied. Truly this field is white unto harvest, and is owned and blessed by the great Head of Missions in bringing forth rich clusters of fruit.

Government makes no provision for religious teaching among Indians, and in their wild pagan state they do not care for the Gospel, but when they accept Christ, He is as dear to them as to us. As a general rule, when converted, they remain firm in the faith, and from their scanty means, do what they can to extend the Gospel. Five new Meetings have been added to Grand River Monthly Meeting during the year. We now have over five hundred members belonging to this Meeting. The Modoc Meeting has had the largest attendance. Four Mid-week Meetings are kept up within the Monthly Meeting, with an average attendance of eighty-eight in all the Meetings. In Second Month, one hundred and sixteen families were visited, four persons professed conversion to Christian faith, and eleven applied for membership. In the Sac and Fox Agency there are two mission stations under the care of Friends — one at Shawneetown, where Charles W. Goddard, formerly of our Yearly Meeting, is stationed, and one at Iowa village. At each place a Meeting is organized, which make up Shawneetown Monthly Meeting.

John F. Mardoc and wife, who were instrumental in gathering the Meeting at Skiatook, are now laboring with the Iowas. They began work here last autumn, and by their usual devotion and fervency of love in visiting families have won several to Christ. They pray much with the Indians in their lodges, especially when they administer medicine. One result has been that a goodly number have professed conversion to Christ, and twenty-five names have been sent to the Monthly Meeting for membership. There are about twenty-five hundred Indians in this Agency, fully one-half are without any religious influence. Dr. Kirk writes: "At three different places distant — ten, twenty, twenty-five miles from Shawneetown, and not nearer than twelve miles to each other, we are asked to hold Meetings, if only once a month, and also to build log houses for Meetings and schools. The Agent would gladly allot land for such houses, at two places, as soon as we put any improvements on the land. If only $100 could be had to help out at one of these places, much good might be done.

The visit of our dear friends, Henry Stanley Newman and wife, was a great comfort to Friends in the Territory, and has proved very beneficial to the members of the various Meetings.

The "Peace Policy" of President Grant is often called the Quaker Policy, because Friends, at that time, led in the work of uplifting the Indian race, and were instrumental in causing the grand change in Indian affairs; since then other religious denominations have come forward in the work, and are looking to Friends, in a large measure, for inspiration and help. We are sorry to report a waning in the interest of Friends, especially when the need is so great. The question naturally arises, have some of the discouraging features of the work, which have energized other societies (in a measure) paralyzed our efforts, or have we allowed other claims to take our attention and let this field, so white unto harvest, lie so little cared for by us! Are we willing the grand work our Fathers so zealously engaged in shall languish, or shall we arise from our slumber and try harder to right the wrongs of the Indians, and thus help put an end to our Century of Dishonor?

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $3,500. We recommend that $525 be appropriated as our quota of this sum. We ask, also, that the Treasury of our own Committee be replenished, not only by a collection to be raised in our Yearly Meeting, but, also, by efforts to be made in all our Monthly Meetings.

On behalf of the Committee,

MYRA E. FRYE, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1889	RECEIPTS.		
6 mo.	Balance of cash on hand	$7 17	
6 mo.	Amount collected during the Yearly Meeting at Portland	147 27	
6 mo.	From Friends of New Bedford Monthly Meeting for years 1888 and '89	65 00	
6 mo.	From Friends, Sandwich Monthly Meeting	26 00	
6 mo.	From Friends, Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	14 50	
6 mo.	From Friends, Swansea Monthly Meeting	13 00	
6 mo.	From Amesbury Sabbath School	2 00	
6 mo.	Friends of Boston Monthly Meeting	12 00	
6 mo.	Friends, Providence Monthly Meeting	25 00	
6 mo.	Friends, Greenwich Monthly Meeting	3 00	
6 mo.	From Lynn Sabbath School	10 00	
6 mo.	From Friends of Worcester	36 00	
6 mo.	From Friends in Uxbridge	2 50	
6 mo.	From Dover Monthly Meeting	21 00	
6 mo.	From Sandwich Monthly Meeting (N.H.)	10 00	
6 mo.	From Westport Monthly Meeting	11 00	
6 mo.	From Allen's Neck Sabbath School	5 00	
6 mo.	From Bolton Monthly Meeting	7 00	
6 mo.	From Salem Preparative Meeting	12 00	
6 mo.	From Falmouth Monthly Meeting	21 50	
6 mo.	From Portland Bible School	15 00	
			$465 94
1889	EXPENDITURES.		
7 mo.	Paid Hannah J. Bailey, Treasurer, amount contributed for a school house bell, etc.	$25 00	
9 mo.	Remitted to Mary G. Hubbard	25 00	
11 mo.	Paid Dr. C. W. Kirk for the use of Skiatook Mission	15 00	
1890.			
6 mo.	Appropriated by the Committee to Charles W. Goddard as a part of his salary	150 00	
6 mo.	John F. Mardoc for care of Indian children	75 00	
6 mo.	Dr. C. W. Kirk and wife for special use	50 00	
6 mo.	Julia Hall	20 00	
6 mo.	Jeremiah Hubbard	20 00	
6 mo.	Lucy Winney	10 00	
6 mo.	Elwood W. Weesner for the Alaska Mission	50 00	
6 mo.	John M. Watson	15 00	
6 mo.	John Bishop	10 00	
	Balance	94	
			$465 94

ANTHONY M. KIMBER, *Treasurer.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 16th, 1890.

The Report is satisfactory, and the Committee continued for service another year, with the substitution of Emma S. Briggs in place of Charles W. Goddard, who has removed from the limits of this Yearly Meeting. A contribution was taken in both this and the Women's Meeting, and the sum of $163.37 was raised and directed to be placed in the hands of the Committee. It is also directed that our several Monthly Meetings appoint Committees to assist in raising additional funds for the use of the Committee, and place the same in the hands of their Treasurer.

NAMES OF INDIAN COMMITTEE.

JOHN J. FRYE, *Chairman.*
MYRA E. FRYE, *Secretary.*
SAMUEL BUFFUM, *Treasurer.*

MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

William O. Newhall,
Anthony M. Kimber,
Emeline H. Tuttle,
Myra E. Frye.

COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

William O. Newhall, Lynn, Mass.
Ellen K. Buffum, 87 Cook St., Providence, R.I.
Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R.I.
John J. Frye, Woodfords, Me.
Myra E. Frye, Woodfords, Me.
Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Anthony M. Kimber, 75 Broadway, Newport, R.I.
Asa C. Tuttle, Dover, N.H.
Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N.H.
Anna M. Gove, Seabrook, N.H.
Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Elwood G. Macomber, Portsmouth, R.I.
Abbie E. Gifford, Fall River, Mass.
Arthur W. Jones, South China, Me.
Emma S. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Leslie Meader, Tamworth, N.H.
Joseph D. Wood, Boston, Mass.
Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
Sarah Osborne, Woonsocket, R.I.
Emily S. Weeks, Vassalboro, Me.
Ella L. Andrews, Lincoln House, Lewiston, Me.
Maria Winslow, St. Albans, Me.
Mary D. Collins, Hopkinton, R.I.
Edward T. Tucker, New Bedford, Mass.
Susan H. Meader, Boston, Mass.
Almira B. Buffum, North Berwick, Me.

57. The Committee on Education have presented their Report, as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Education reports: —

That it has given attention to its appointment.

That without special service, it has given its attention to the subject at large.

The small number of Friends, who attend our Denominational Schools, has given the greatest solicitude to the Committee.

The statistics show that there are three hundred and fifty-four children of the proper age for these schools, and that only eighty-four of this number attend them, including all the schools controlled, even in part, by Friends, leaving two hundred and seventy children at school away from Friends, if at school at all.

It is felt by many Friends, no doubt, that as the special tenets of our Society are not directly taught, the advantages of a Friends' School are small in the direction of Denominational Education.

But it is thought by the Committee that the indirect teaching is more effective than the direct in this age of free thought.

The present and growing tendency of all denominations to take down their denominational bounds and hedges, and to recognize and cherish, everywhere, the brethren of the Church universal, rather than the more selfish and smaller interests of their sect. This, also, has reduced the importance of sectarian schools in the minds of the Friends.

And, again, the enthusiasm of the people for the free public common school has created a temporary unpopularity towards private schools, and particularly towards boarding schools. The parochial school contest has aided this result.

Your Committee are thoroughly convinced that at a certain period in a child's life no form of school is so excellent as a good boarding school.

The larger family breaks down selfishness in the child in a way and manner impossible in the family at home. It produces, at an early period, self reliance, and the contact with many minds and many customs from different localities educate the child as nothing else can, in a little world, for the great world outside and its duties.

Having the charge of the pupil, day and night, such a school can do more for him in instruction in books.

It can do vastly more for him in practical education for life and in morals.

It is able to create a public sentiment for good, a potent force, which like leaven may work through the whole household, and silently build the foundations of character.

This the public school cannot do to the same extent, and often the family fails to do it.

Parents may not be aware, sometimes, that they have not the experience or the skill to do the best work on their own children, this they are slow to see or admit.

The public schools are failing on the ground of moral teaching and the popularity of boarding schools increases.

Our work, therefore, may be looked forward to in an abiding hope and trust that it has a far greater future before it than its past history presents.

The Committee asks that next year it may have one of the early evenings of the Yearly Meeting week in which to present the cause of education to the people. This subject, for a number of years, has given place to other causes, but we think the time has fully come when its merits demand a public hearing.

On behalf of the Committee,

AUGUSTINE JONES,
MYRA E. FRYE.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and the same Committee continued for service another year, with the substitution of Wilmot R. Jones in place of Eli Jones.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Augustine Jones,
Caroline Jones of Deering, Me.
Anna F. Hall,
Rufus M. Jones,
Ruthanna H. Washburn,
Myra E. Frye,
John Ellwood Paige,
Phebe W. Sawtelle,
Ruth S. Murray,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Sarah Marble.
Wilmot R. Jones.

58. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting, except that portion relating to Henry C. Aydelott's publishing a pamphlet without asking the advice, and obtaining the concurrence of that Meeting ; on account of questioned jurisdiction, which is hereby declared to be null and void — Women Friends concurring.

Adjourned to meet at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON — Met according to adjournment.

59. Epistles to London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa and Kansas Yearly Meet-

ings, were now read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

60. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year, which is approved, and they are accordingly appointed, viz. : —

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

Augustine Jones,
Charles A. Chace,
Phebe S. Aydelott,
Harriet D. Collins,
William O. Newhall,
Owen Dame,
Alice W. Maxfield,
Mary B. Swan,
Ruth S. Murray,
Susan F. Hoxie,
Anna G. Wood,
George Howland, Jr.,
John Hacker Hall,
Augustus F. Cox,
Myra E. Frye,
S. Jane Cox,
Richard Battey,
James O. Inman,
Mary A. Battey,
Salome C. Wheeler,
Alfred H. Jones,
Eliza P. Pierce,
William A. Jones,
Elizabeth K. Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
William P. Tuttle,
Anna M. Hussey,
Emeline H. Tuttle,
Charles M. Jones,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Mary C. Hawkes,
John B. Cartland,
Eunice D. Cartland,
Silas H. Cartland,
Lydia A. Cartland,
Daniel C. Maxfield,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Silas F. Strout,
Edward T. Tucker,
Ellen K. Buffum,
John B. Baylies,
David J. Douglas,
Isaac Steere,
Sarah J. Swift,
John J. Frye,
Reuben T. Jones,
Etta S. Cates.

61. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, etc., have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz. : —

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting :

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$1726 09
Books of Discipline sold	175 25
For Oak Grove Endowment Fund	111 00
Amount carried forward,	$2012 34

Amount brought forward,	$2012 34	
Amount of Loan on Note 8 mos.	1500 00	
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on account	700 00	
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in full	800 00	
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting in full	240 00	
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting in full	320 00	
Dover Quarterly Meeting in full	200 00	
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting in full	480 00	
Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting in full	80 00	
Salem Quarterly Meeting in full	700 00	
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting in full	220 00	
Dividend from Eagle National Bank	60 00	
Dividend from New Bedford Savings Bank	24 24	
		$7336 58

PAYMENTS.

Paid expenses of Yearly Meeting at Portland	$520 85	
Printing, copying, etc.	438 41	
Committee on Syrian Mission	750 00	
Committee on Bible Schools	50 00	
Committee on Temperance	200 00	
Committee on Freedmen	700 00	
Committee on Gospel Work	313 68	
Committee on Western Indians	525 00	
Aid to Friend from British Provinces	100 00	
Committee on Peace	25 00	
Joseph E. Briggs, Treas. Oak Grove Fund	66 00	
Paid Note of 8 mos.	1500 00	
Paid Interest on same	54 17	
Balance Sixth Month 17th, 1890	2093 47	
		$7336 58

Balance due from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, $260.

INCOME OF BOSTON MEETING-HOUSE FUND.

Balance from last year	$1599 88	
Received for coupons	450 00	
Received dividends and interest	65 97	
		$2115 85
Paid rent Wesleyan Hall	$350 00	
Balance, Sixth Month 17th, 1890	1765 85	
		$2115 85

We recommend that the sum of four thousand ($4,000) dollars be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting, and we nominate Samuel R. Buffinton for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. Also James H. Chace for Treasurer of the Providence School Funds.

For the Auditing Committee,

JAMES O. INMAN,
ROBERT P. GIFFORD.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 17th, 1890.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and Samuel R. Buffinton is appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and James H. Chace Treasurer of the Providence School Funds. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed; and this Meeting also directs that it be paid into the Treasury on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

62. The Committee on Finance report as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Finance recommend that the following appropriations be made from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting.

For Associated Committee on Western Indians	$525 00	
Bible Schools	100 00	
Education	50 00	
Foreign Missions	750 00	
Freedmen	500 00	
Gospel Work	300 00	
Peace	25 00	
Temperance	200 00	
Aid to a Friend from the British Provinces	100 00	
Interest on Oak Grove note	150 00	
		$2700 00

For the Committee,

OWEN DAME.

Newport, Sixth Month 18th, 1890.

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the several Committees, for whom the above appropriations are made, are at liberty to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for such sums as they may need in the prosecution of their various concerns, not exceeding the amount appropriated to each.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Rhode Island,	Samuel R. Buffinton.
Salem,	Owen Dame.
Sandwich,	George Howland, Jr.
Falmouth,	Augustus F. Cox.
Smithfield,	Richard Battey.
Vassalboro,	William A. Jones.
Dover,	Timothy B. Hussey.
Fairfield,	Levi Jones.
Parsonsfield,	Silas H. Cartland.

63. The Joint Committee on returning Minutes have presented the following Report, viz.: —

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Joint Committee having in care the preparation of returning Minutes for Friends in the Ministry and others from other Yearly Meetings, have considered the matter, and are united in recommending that so far as relates to our beloved friends of American Yearly Meetings we believe our practice of furnishing returning Minutes may be discontinued without injury to the cause of truth, or the promulgation of the Gospel of Christ.

ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
Clerk of the Committee.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 18th, 1890.

which was approved by this Meeting, but Women Friends not uniting, it is now concluded to concur with them in furnishing each of our friends from other Yearly Meetings who have presented credentials to this Meeting, with the following returning Minute, viz.: — "Cornelius D. Barnes acceptably attended this Meeting," and similar ones for Wm. S. and Docia S. Wooton, Benjamin F. and Charlotte M. Farquhar, Jehu and Sarah W. Newlin, Wm. S. Richardson, Rufus P. and Alice R. King, Fernando G. and Abby F. Cartland, J. Walter Malone, John P. Pennington, Robert W. and Charles B. Douglas, John Folger, Pliny and Mary C. Fry, Gilbert L. Farr, Evi Sharpless and Louisa Painter Round.

64. We appoint James O. Inman, Gideon Wood and Robert P. Gifford, a Committee to transfer all the Providence School Funds and Securities now in the hands of Owen Dame, late Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of said Funds, into the hands of James H. Chace, Treasurer of said Funds, and give the late Trustees a receipt therefor.

65. We appoint the following Committee to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, which now are or may then be under appointment, viz.: —

Augustus F. Cox,
David J. Douglas,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Thomas Wood,
Oscar J. Morse,
Robert P. Gifford,
William T. Hussey,
Myra E. Frye,
Sarah J. Swift,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Susan Peckham.

66. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed ; and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand two hundred copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

67. The privilege of assembling once more in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting has been ours, notwithstanding it has been held without the familiar faces and wise counsels of beloved aged Friends, who within the past year, have been called up higher, with whom many of us have been associated from our earliest attendance of this Meeting. We still have gratefully to acknowledge the owning presence of the Head of the Church, also the fact that our Meeting this year has been unusually large, and the attendance well kept up, particularly on the part of our younger members. We now separate, proposing to meet again at Portland, Maine, at the usual time next year.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

NOTE. — The Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting are: —

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., New Bedford, Mass.
JOSEPH CARTLAND, Newburyport, Mass.

MINUTES

OF

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1890.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Newport, on Rhode Island, Sixth Month 13th, 1890.

By accounts received from our several Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.: —

From Rhode Island — Esther Chace, Phebe R. Gifford, Phebe S. Aydelott, Catherine Green, Electa J. Collins, Rachel P. Chace, Sarah E. Buffinton, Annie L. Manchester, Rebecca Anthony, Cynthia J. Earle, Louisa N. Meader, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Margaret T. Sherman and Eunice A. Green.

From Salem — Elizabeth H. Newhall, Mary J. Rogers, Martha C. Jepson, Mary Alice Brown, Alice W. Maxfield, Jennie M. Atkins, Mary Almy Chase, Susan H. Meader and Mary B. Swan.

From Sandwich — Rachel S. Howland, Elizabeth C. Wing, Susan S. Tripp, Alice R. Howland, Sarah E. Wright, Mary E. Gifford, Mary Hafford, Anna G. Wood, Susan F. Hoxie, Eliza A. Gifford, Lydia B. Dillingham, Mary C. Baylies, Sarah F. Potter, Rebecca S. Howland and Elizabeth C. Murray Gifford.

From Falmouth — Anna F. Hall, Jennie E. Reynolds, Lucy R. Goddard, Myra E. Frye, Mary A. Maxfield, S. Jane Cox, Mary K. Robinson, Lina B. Lunt, Ellen C. Nichols and Abbie J. Cook.

From Smithfield — Abigail Wheeler, Mary A. Battey, Lydia Haight, Lucy Kelley, Susan Ann Gifford, Deborah P. Atherton, Avis B. Steere and Sarah J. Swift.

FROM VASSALBORO — Peace Jones, Mary C. Jones, Etta S. Cates, Mary R. Jones, Elizabeth K. Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, Margaret B. Cates and Mary T. Gould.

FROM DOVER — Emeline H. Tuttle, Lydia E. Sawyer, Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Almira B. Buffum, Anna M. Hussey and Hannah W. Meader.

FROM FAIRFIELD — Hannah J. Bailey, Emma S. Briggs, Florence M. Wood, Mary C. Hawkes and Lizzie A. Church.

FROM PARSONSFIELD — Eunice D. Cartland, Julia A. Remick, Lydia A. Cartland and Elizabeth H. Cobb.

The names of the Representatives being called, sixty-five responded, for the absence of seven sufficient reasons were assigned.

Ruth S. Murray, one of the Assistant Clerks, being absent, Alice W. Maxfield was appointed to take her place for the morning session.

We have listened with interest to the reading of Epistles from our dear, sisters of Dublin and Baltimore, and also joint Epistles from New York and Ohio Yearly Meetings; the reading of the remaining ones received is deferred to future sittings.

We have appointed a Committee to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence.

Phebe S. Aydelott, Susan Peckham, Susan S. Tripp, Ellen K. Buffum and Louisa N. Meader are requested to prepare a Summary of the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, and present it to a future session.

We have the acceptable company of the following named Friends, with Minutes of unity and concurrence from the Meetings to which they belong, viz.: — Cornelius D. Barnes, Benjamin F. Farquhar, William S. Wooton, and his wife Docia S. Wooton, from New York Yearly Meeting; Jehu Newlin, and his wife Sarah W. Newlin, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting; Fernando G. Cartland, and his wife Abby F. Cartland, Rufus P. King and William S. Richardson, from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; J. Walter Malone, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; John P. Pennington and Robert W. Douglas, from Indiana Yearly Meeting; John Folger, from Western Yearly Meeting; Pliny Fry, George L. Farr, Louisa Painter Round and Evi Sharpless, from Iowa Yearly Meeting.

Charlotte M. Farquhar, companion to her husband Benjamin F. Farquhar; Alice R. King, companion to her husband Rufus P. King; Charles B. Douglas, accompanying his father Robert Walter Douglas; and Mary C. Fry, companion to her husband Pliny Fry, were also acceptably with us.

These Friends, with others who were present without Minutes, were cordially welcomed by the Meeting.

We appoint the following named Friends, in conjunction with a similar Committee of Men Friends to prepare as way opens, returning Minutes for those in attendance with certificates addressed to this Meeting, and produce them at a future session, viz.: — Louisa N. Meader, Lydia Haight, Ellen K. Buffum, Gulielma C. Wood and Etta S. Cates.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the rise of this Meeting, and propose to our afternoon session the name of a Friend for Clerk, and also the names of two for Assistant Clerks, of this Meeting.

In this, the first session of our business Meetings, the Lord has graciously manifested His presence. He has united and comforted our hearts in His love, and we reverently ascribe unto Him all the praise.

We adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Representatives having conferred together, Electa J. Collins, on their behalf, informed the Meeting, that they were united in proposing the name of Anna G. Wood for Clerk, and Alice W. Maxfield and Deborah P. Atherton for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being severally approved, they were appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The reading of the Epistles was continued. Those from North Carolina, Indiana, Canada, Western, Kansas, and Iowa Yearly Meetings, were read, and were acceptable to us. All these messages of Christian love and greeting, speak of earnest effort in different departments of Christian work, and of the blessing of the Lord which has attended their labors in His cause.

In the Reports from our different Quarterly Meetings we find that many changes have occurred during the past year. Our hearts have been tendered as the names of those whom we have long known and loved, and who have been called from works to rewards, have passed in review before us. "The memory of the just is blessed," and the fragrance of their lives still lingers in many hearts. May we be afresh incited to greater diligence and faithfulness in the Lord's work.

A summary of the statistical accounts received from our different Quarterly Meetings has been read.

The nominating committee to whom was referred the selection of Friends to constitute a Women's Committee on Correspondence, presented the following names, which were approved, and the Friends named therein appointed to that service, viz.: —

Rachel S. Howland,
Susan Peckham,
Gulielma C. Wood,
Alice W. Maxfield,
Rebecca Howland,
Deborah P. Atherton,
Susan A. Gifford,
Elizabeth A. Taylor,
Lydia E. Sawyer,
Almira B. Buffum,
Elizabeth S. H. Wood,
Elizabeth T. Larkin,
Tacy P. Hawkes, Jr.,
Salome C. Wheeler,
Emma S. Briggs,
Florence Wood,
Phebe M. Wadsworth,
Annie R. Hoge,
Mary B. Swan,
Myra E. Frye,
Lydia A. Cartland,
Etta S. Cates,
Eliza P. Pierce,
Electa J. Collins.

Then adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

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THIRD-DAY MORNING THE 17TH. — Met in separate session according to adjournment.

The Committee to whom is referred the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South, have presented their Annual Report, accompanied with the report of the condition of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tennessee, made by its Superintendent, William P. Hastings. [*See* p. 9.] The Committee of last year is reappointed, with the exception of our dear friend Benjamin F.

Knowles, deceased, and the addition of Augustine Jones, James O. Inman and Elizabeth T. Larkin.

The Trustees of the George Sturge Fund presented their Annual Report, which is accepted in concurrence with the Men's Meeting. [*See* p. 12.] The name of James O. Inman was substituted for that of Benjamin F. Knowles, as a Trustee of this Fund. [*See* p. 13]

The Queries, with a Summary of the Answers to them, forwarded by our several Quarterly Meetings, have been read, and the consideration of the State of Society was entered upon.

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANSWER 1. — Our Meetings for worship and discipline have been regulary held, except twenty-seven, omitted on account of inclement weather and sickness. One Monthly Meeting reports no meeting in the middle of the week. Meetings on First-day are well attended, but those in the middle of the week continue small.

ANS. 2. — Love and unity are maintained, with some exceptions; detraction is mostly guarded against. Care is generally taken to end differences when they arise.

ANS. 3. — We believe that most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, yet there is not, with all our members, that living concern in this respect which truth requires. More care is needed in bringing up our children in accordance with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4. — With few exceptions the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families, individually and collectively, and our children are encouraged in this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is not fully maintained.

ANS. 5. — So far as we know, Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. With few exceptions, Friends are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, and to observe moderation in all things.

ANS. 6. — The circumstances of the poor receive attention, and their necessities are relieved. The education of their children is provided for.

ANS. 7. — Clear, with few exceptions.

ANS. 8. The requirements of this query are observed, with few exceptions.

ANS. 9. — Not quite clear, as to records. Some removals without certificates.

ANS. 10. — The discipline is not always administered as timely as would be best, but when done, we believe it has been in Christian tenderness, and impartially.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

The importance of love was feelingly dwelt upon, and we were exhorted to bear hard things "as good soldiers of Jesus Christ," thereby following His example, "who, when He was reviled, reviled not again."

Let us look more closely at our own failings than at those of others, and not allow any ill treatment to bring bitterness into our hearts, but love all, even our enemies. Thus shall we show ourselves, the children of our Father in Heaven, "for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just, and on the unjust."

The failure of a timely administration of the discipline is often a great disadvantage to the Church; it is like the pruning of a vine, which, if done at a proper season, increases growth and fruitage, but out of season, will result only in harm. The Church should endeavor to keep under the guiding hand of Him who is love, and in the spirit of the Master, whether administering or receiving discipline. If in our words and acts, the love of Christ constraineth us, this love will sweetly reconcile all differences of opinion and judgment. Respect and deference will be given to the older, tenderness and sympathy to the younger. The love of God, as we abide in it, will make us one in Christ.

Mothers have been exhorted to encourage their children in the frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures, and were reminded of the great power of example. Let the children see that their parents are zealous in the study of the written word, and they will feel that it is worthy of their own careful perusal.

The need of a free Gospel ministry was also adverted to. A minister should not be paid for preaching, neither should one be hindered for want of means in the service called for by the Master. But we were reminded that the Lord will provide for the needs of His servants whom He sends on His missions. For all our needs we may draw on our Heavenly Banker with the assurance of a never-failing supply. The silver and the gold are His, and we to whom He has intrusted them, should not spare them in His service. Then, when we have brought all the tithes into the store-house, we may look for a blessing, both as individuals and as a Church, each feeling the responsibility of hastening the day when the knowledge of Him and His love shall cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea.

We concur with Men Friends in the appointment of a Committee on Foreign Missions. [*See* p. 38.]

We unite in the appointment of the following named Friends as officers of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society for the coming year.

President—PHEBE S. AYDELOTT.
Vice Presidents—MARY ALMY CHASE,
ELLEN L. JOHNSTON.

Corresponding Secretary—ELIZABETH T. LARKIN.
Recording Secretary—ALICE W. MAXFIELD.
Treasurer—HANNAH J. BAILEY.

QUARTERLY MEETING VICE PRESIDENTS.

Rhode Island.— SARAH CAROLINE TOBEY.
Salem.— ANNA M. GOVE.
Sandwich.— ELIZABETH A. TAYLOR.
Smithfield.— SALOME C. WHEELER.
Dover.— ANNA M. HUSSEY.
Falmouth.— MYRA E. FRYE.
Vassalboro.— ELIZA P. PIERCE.
Fairfield.— PHEBE W. SAWTELLE.
Parsonsfield.— DORA E. CARTLAND.

Auditors. { M. AUGUSTA BATTEY,
GULIELMA C. WOOD.

SUPERINTENDENTS,

Systematic Christian Giving.—EMELINE H. TUTTLE.
Literature.— SUSAN PECKHAM.
Junior and Juvenile Work.— SARAH D. BROWN.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at half past 3 o'clock this afternoon.

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FOURTH-DAY MORNING THE 18TH. — Met according to adjournment in separate session.

Essays of Epistles addressed to our sisters of Iowa, Baltimore, North Carolina and Dublin Yearly Meetings were read and approved.

A fresh greeting from our dear sisters of London Yearly Meeting has met a cordial response in our hearts.

The Annual report of the Committee having charge of Oak Grove Seminary the past year has been read and approved by this Meeting. [*See* p. 52.] The Committee now under appointment is continued, with the exception of our dear friends Eli Jones and Benjamin F. Knowles, deceased, and the addition of Henry and Mary G. Winslow. [*See* p. 54.]

The Committee appointed to secure subscriptions to aid the Oak Grove Endowment Fund have presented a Report, which has been accepted, and the Committee were released from further service. [*See* p. 54.]

The Committee for the improvement and christianization of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, have submitted a report of their work during the past year, which has been read and accepted. [*See* p. 55.]

The Meeting was deeply interested in the accounts given in the report of what the Lord has wrought through His servants for the benefit of this remnant of the aborigines of our land.

The same Committee that served last year is continued with the substitution of the name of Emma S. Briggs for that of Charles W. Goddard, the latter having removed from the limits of our Yearly Meeting.

A contribution has been taken at this time in aid of the work, amounting to $62.03. [*See* p. 55.]

A summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with the statistics and a Minute of that Meeting have been read. [*See* p. 49.]

The Representatives to whom was referred the subject of the best method of raising money for the use of the Yearly Meeting, have presented a report with which we unite in concurrence with the Men's Meeting. [*See* p. 51.]

We unite with Men Friends in accepting a report from the same body, on the requests of Rhode Island and Dover Quarterly Meetings. [*See* p. 51.]

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society have presented their Sixth Annual Report, which has been read and approved. The varied work of the Committee in the very interesting fields in which they have been called to labor is appreciated by this Meeting, and they are encouraged to go forward, assured that they will indeed reap if they faint not.

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS:

It is with mingled feelings of joy and sadness that we present our Sixth Annual Report. In no previous year since our organization have we had greater cause for gratitude for help afforded, and in no previous year have our ranks been so broken by death as in that just closing; but we believe our blessed Leader is as much in the one as in the other; in the sorrow as well as the joy.

During the past year the work of our auxiliaries has been largely confined to the missions at Ramallah, and the Kickapoo and Iowa Indians. Some help has also been afforded to work in Alaska, Mexico, and India.

Our interest in the work, at Ramallah, has been greatly increased. The extremely interesting letters received from our devoted young missionary teacher there, her account of the Mission and its work, have led us to feel that we would like to assume some definite share in the work beyond her support, and the question has arisen with some of us if we could not take the Girls' Training Home. Letters from members of our Yearly Meeting, who spent some time in the field, and, also, accounts they have given us in public meetings, of their travels in Palestine, have contributed in no small degree to this increase of interest.

The needs of the Iowa and Kickapoo Indians, also, press heavily upon us. Early in the year Elizabeth Test felt called of God, as the way clearly opened for such work, to leave her place among the Iowas, and go to the Kickapoos; a very bright, interesting tribe. The blessing of the Lord evidently rested on the work; the School and the Meeting increased in numbers and in interest; but after a short stay in that field the faithful, self-sacrificing teacher was taken very sick with acute rheumatism, and, when able, was removed from the field. We are thankful that she is recovering, and her heart burns with desire to re-enter the work. She writes under date of Fifth Month 31st, "The Indian Commissioners, who have spent nearly a week with the Iowas, persuading them to take the allotment of their lands in severalty, give eighty acres of land to Friends for the Mission, either where it is now, or in any place they may choose; and also ten acres for the meeting-house and grave-yard. The Lord is wonderfully blessing the Iowas. In the past few months more than thirty have, as we trust, given their hearts to God, and their names to become members among Friends."

The place left vacant by E. Test among the Iowas remains unfilled. The people are crying out for a teacher, but no one is ready to go to them. Who among our young people is ready to enter this open door for God and the salvation of precious souls?

We give a brief report of the condition and work of the auxiliaries in our different Quarterly Meetings:

Rhode Island.—Sarah C. Tobey, Vice President. One auxiliary reports a box of garments for Ramallah, and another a box of dry goods. One speaks of lack of interest in Mission work in many members of their Meeting, stating at the same time that the members of the W. F. M. S. are earnest workers. We are struck with the disparity between the number of women in the Quarterly Meeting, and the membership of the W. F. M. S. Some of the reports, however, speak of a scattered membership, which partly accounts for it.

Salem.—Anna M. Gove, Vice President. Our auxiliary Meetings have all been held monthly, except in two instances, caused by bad weather. They are all opened by reading a portion of Scripture and prayer. In this Quarterly Meeting there are 299 women over 18 years of age. Of this number 105 are members of the auxiliaries. Questionable methods of raising money are not adopted. Public Meetings have been held in several places. Our interest has been greatly increased by the accounts given by Timothy B. and Anna M. Hussey of the work at Ramallah, and their travels in the Holy Land. The work of the departments is carried on in all of our auxiliaries except one, with as much system as possible under the circumstances.

Sandwich. — Elizabeth A. Taylor, Vice President. One auxiliary reports an increasing interest. Eight new members have lately been added. The other reports a small membership, but good interest. Meetings have been sustained regularly throughout the year with one exception, in the first mentioned auxiliary, and after the hour spent in devotion, useful articles are made, for which a ready sale is found for the benefit of the Mission work. In the other, the collections in the box bear witness to the interest. No Juvenile bands have been formed, but the children sometimes attend the Meetings. Care is taken to interest them, and they give their pennies gladly.

Falmouth. — Myra E. Frye, Vice President. Meetings have been held regularly in each auxiliary with a good attendance, with the exception of Windham, where some Meetings were omitted in the winter. Two special Meetings have been held in Falmouth auxiliary. Useful and valuable articles have been sent to Ramallah, and also to the Indian Mission. The departments of Systematic Christian Giving, General Literature and Juvenile Work have been carried on under Superintendents in two of the auxiliaries. During the time the auxiliary Meetings were omitted, the usual collection was taken up on Monthly Meeting day.

Smithfield. — Salome C. Wheeler, Vice President. In one of our two auxiliaries, the Meetings have been held monthly, while in the other, the membership is scattered, and circumstances of weather and health have somewhat interfered with the Meetings. The time of the Meetings is occupied in prayer, reading of the Bible and missionary literature and sewing. The children, who unite with their elders in these Meetings, have had exercises arranged for them, calculated to keep up a lively interest in Mission work, which has found expression in mite-box collections. In both auxiliaries, funds have been raised outside of membership fees, by suppers, articles made and sold, mite-boxes, etc. The lectures given by T. B. and A. M. Hussey in both our auxiliaries have been productive of a deeply awakened interest in Ramallah. Where it has been impracticable to form auxiliaries in this Quarterly Meeting, something has been done by weekly contributions in some of our Bible schools.

Vassalboro. — Eliza P. Pierce, Vice President. The interest has steadily increased the past year. Meetings which have been held regularly with two or three exceptions, have been made interesting by the reading of books, essays, and correspondence on Mission work. China carries on the work in the three new departments. Much Home Mission work has been accomplished, and our foreign work has been for Ramallah and Alaska. Thinking if we had some definite work, we should have greater interest, we have decided to offer to support one girl at Ramallah the coming year.

Dover. — Anna M. Hussey, Vice President. North Berwick auxiliary representing one of the two Monthly Meetings now constituting Dover Quarterly Meeting, reports regular Meetings with a good attendance, and a deep and increasing interest among its members. The Meetings are greatly helped by the attendance of members of other missionary organizations, and by the reading of selections, original essays, and letters from our workers in Missionary fields. One public Meeting has been held. The members of this auxiliary have contributed means for the work at Ramallah, made donations to boxes for that Mission, and are aiding in educating one little girl in the Training Home for girls.

Fairfield. — Phebe Wing Sawtelle, Vice President. The first Sabbath in the Month is observed by the auxiliary at St. Albans, as a season of special prayer for Missions. The Winthrop auxiliary is large and flourishing. It supports two teachers at the Training Home at Ramallah, and with the help of the Sabbath School, five girls in the day school there. It also supports two girls in the Orphanage at Hoshangabad, India. Members of the Quarterly Meeting, who are too much scattered to form an auxiliary, support one girl at the Orphanage, India, and have given a considerable amount towards Ramallah, Japan and Alaska Missions. It is gratifying to see the growing interest in Mission work among us.

Parsonsfield. — Elizabeth G. Meader, Vice President. Reports from our auxiliaries give evidence of increased growth in interest, and that Meetings have been regularly held with one or two exceptions. Our membership varies but little from last year, having the same disadvantages that attend those that are situated in remote localities, many of the members not being able to meet regularly. Collections have been taken at the Bible Schools in the required months. Our interest is largely in the work in the Indian Territory and Ramallah.

STATISTICS OF THE W. F. M. S.

	Number of Auxiliaries.	Number of Members. 1890.	1889.
Rhode Island,	6	103	118
Salem,	4	105	107
Sandwich,	2	28	34
Falmouth,	3	52	53
Smithfield,	2	41	43
Vassalboro,	2	34	33
Dover,	1	13	13
Fairfield,	2	60	39
Parsonsfield,	2	31	35
Total	24	467	475

Auxiliaries lost (Sandwich), 1. Members lost, 8.

Take notice that while by our statistics we have 467 members enrolled, only 411 of them are Friends, which is only about one-sixth of the number of women in our Yearly Meeting above the age of eighteen years; and while the number of Meetings in the Yearly Meeting is 69, only 24 of these are organized, leaving 45 with no auxiliary. This shows that vigorous measures need to be used in order to rouse the women of the Church to a sense of the need of this wonderful day, when God is calling upon His hosts to move forward in solid ranks and take the world for Him.

"Take the task He gives you gladly;
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
'Here am I, send me! send me!'"

We recommend that some one be appointed to visit or correspond with all the meetings in the Yearly Meeting, as way opens, to meet with existing auxiliaries, and cheer and encourage them; to organize auxiliaries where practicable; and to solicit subscriptions for the "Missionary Advocate." This valuable paper has been given to the Foreign Missionary Union of Women Friends in America, to come into their hands at the close of the present year. We cannot afford to let our one missionary organ die for lack of support. It it now our own paper, and the needs of the work as well as our honor as an organization, demand that it shall have a liberal support. There surely cannot be found a family in our Yearly Meeting that cannot afford one cent per week for this valuable paper. Let us double our list of subscribers the coming year.

Only about one-half our auxiliaries report anything done in the three departments adopted last year: Systematic Christian Giving, General Literature and Juvenile Work. We earnestly urge that more should be done on these lines. If all Christians set apart one-tenth of their income (remembering that "the tithe is the Lord's") for the Lord's work, the Gospel could be preached to every creature before the year 1900. For with this consecration of the silver and the gold would come also that consecration of self to the Lord, which would say, "Send me." We must have missionary literature in order to create and stimulate missionary zeal; and if our children are not organized and got into line, instructed and enthused with a missionary spirit, where are our recruits to come from when we older ones drop out of the ranks as so many have done among us in the past year?

One Vice President suggests very wisely, that quarterly printed letters should be sent to each auxiliary, giving reports of the work done at our different mission stations, of the condition, manner of life, and needs of the natives. It is believed such letters would do much good in stirring us up to do; in keeping us in touch with the work and the workers, and giving us an idea what the money we put into the work is doing. We surely need to be stimulated to fresh zeal in the blessed work of evangelizing the world.

With very slight exception, the answer to the thirteenth question on blanks filled out by the auxiliaries, "Do you observe the first Sabbath in each month as a season of special prayer for missions?" is given, "We do not." While we would be very far from laying down rigid rules for this, we do believe our auxiliaries need a waking up to the truth, that the mightiest factor in mission work is believing prayer. We have the direct command of the Lord Jesus: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." We may link with this 1st John 5: 14, 15. "And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He heareth us, and if we know that He heareth us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him." Paul says (Rom. 10: 14, 15), "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" We record, too, our conviction that our auxiliary Meetings should be for the first half hour a season of united prayer; that different mission stations and mission workers should be mentioned by name. We are far too cold in this matter. If our hearts were hot with true missionary fire we could not refrain from crying out our needs to God. The work needs our prayers. Paul said (Eph. 6: 19) "Pray for me also, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel." If Paul needed the prayers of the Church much more do our missionaries, and we need the blessing to our own souls that comes as a reflex influence. An increase of united, believing prayer would give a new and greatly needed impetus to the work of evangelization both at home and abroad.

Our hearts are saddened as we think of our loss in the passing away of our beloved Corresponding Secretary, Margaret C. Kimber, who has been, since our organization, such an inspiration in this blessed work. From her invalid chamber how many missives have gone forth freighted with love and sympathy, and words of wise counsel and encouragement to us, who were out in the work, but in reality no more active than she; how many to our dear missionary workers; how many to our Indian converts, who sorely mourn her loss to-day, the world will never know. A dear missionary, writing from the Indian Territory, says, "I could feel her love all the way from New England to the Territory, though I never saw her face, and it greatly cheered and helped me in many a trying hour." We thought she was needed here on earth; God knew that she was needed in a higher, holier sphere, and so she was not, for God took her, and by faith we say, "It is well."

JUNIOR AND JUVENILE DEPARTMENT OF MISSION WORK.

There are thirteen Junior and Juvenile Mission Bands, with a membership of two hundred and four, making a gain over last year of two Bands and seventy-four members. The amount of money raised by them, including membership fees, is $202.41.

The local Superintendents report varied experiences in their labor of love for the children and young people. There have been discouragements, because of an unusual amount of illness and stormy weather, which, especially in the country, where the children's homes are widely separated, is very unfavorable. There is but little real lack of interest reported among these Bands. There is, instead, a great deal that is cheering and hopeful.

The children and young people have evidently caught the missionary spirit, have enjoyed working with their hands, gaining information from books and papers, and listening to older people, who have kindly done much to interest them.

The responsibility of supporting their own organizations has also had an excellent educating influence.

We have reason to give thanks for what has been accomplished in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH D. BROWN,
Supt. of Junior and Juvenile Dept.

DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

This department of our work seems to develop very slowly, but there are signs of life in it, and while we live, we hope.

Correspondence has been carried on, during the year, with all the auxiliaries comprised in the Yearly Meeting; and between three and four hundred pages of leaflets have been forwarded to these auxiliaries for distribution. A report was sent to the General Superintendent of Literature previous to the Conference held at Glens Falls in Fifth Month. This report showed that there has been but little increase of interest in Missionary Literature, and consequently but little demand for it. This is to be regretted, since we all know that to be thoroughly interested in a subject we must be thoroughly acquainted with it. No subject ought to have a larger place in our thoughts and affections than the establishment of Christ's kingdom in the earth; hence it is the duty of those who feel privileged to stay at home, to keep themselves informed as to the welfare and the needs of their sisters in the different Mission fields, who have been set apart, like the Levites of old, to represent them in this special service for the Lord, and who, in rendering this service, make many costly sacrifices. A large proportion of our members do not take the "Advocate," our own "Missionary Monthly," which depends, for its existence, on our support, and which is worthy of that support, bringing before us brief, yet well-written accounts of the work and the workers, and pointing out the best ways for us to lend a helping hand.

Four copies of the "Missionary Review" are in circulation in our auxiliaries, and this number would be larger if its value was understood. It contains, from month to month, sketches of Missionary work in all parts of the world, and able and interesting essays from experienced Christian workers. The Superintendent desires that all the auxiliaries, which have not done so already, will appoint (however small their membership) local Superintendents with whom she may correspond, and that these will use their influence in recommending this and other Missionary Literature to their fellow members.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN PECKHAM, *Supt. of Literature.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 14th, 1890.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SYSTEMATIC CHRISTIAN GIVING.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

In submitting this, my Second Annual Report on Systematic Christian giving, I think I can safely say that there has been some advancement made in this direction since last year. More of the auxiliaries have appointed Superintendents, and these Superintendents have more promptly reported their work than during the previous year.

One dear sister writes " I have had several talks with the children on the subject. Three small boys responded. I asked them to give me for Mission work a penny a month. They seemed willing, and the next First-day they came to me bringing their offerings, two of them with twelve, the others with twenty cents, saying they had much rather pay all at once than to remember so many times. She further says, I know of quite a number of the members of the W. F. M. S. that have followed Systematic Giving for a long time. She longs for more interest, and adds, for I do know that it is more blessed to give than to receive, but how to convince others of the fact I do not know."

Another sister says, " I have given one public talk, and have, also, upon suitable occasions, talked upon the subject in private, but wish I knew more about it myself." In one report I find the following: " I have given one Bible reading at our Meeting-house on the subject, and have distributed 'Paying What We Owe,' to every family. At each Meeting of the W. F. M. S., I try to have something read bearing upon the subject. I think there is a growing interest, but cannot report how many practice Giving Systematically." All the reports show that literature has been distributed and some work done. One sister says, " I have distributed 1,266 pages," but others do not give the number. The spirit of all the Reports seem to indicate a thirst for more knowledge in this direction, and better fitness for impressing the minds of others. In addition to the above, in several Public Meetings, the subject has been spoken upon, also many have been appealed to in private. A few have expressed a willingness to practice Giving Systematically. There are many hindrances in the way, but the fullness of Christ is sufficient to overcome them.

Respectfully submitted, E. H. TUTTLE, *Supt.*

DOVER, N. H., Sixth Month 11th, 1890.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Women's F. M. Society of New England Yearly Meeting in account with Hannah J. Bailey, Treasurer.

1889.	Dr.		
6 mo.	To balance from last year	$503 61	
	Collection in public Meeting at Portland	74 72	
	Cash from a friend	1 00	
	Iowa W. F. M. S. Board towards Dr. F.'s outfit	35 00	
	Public collection at session of N. E. Y. M. at Portland, for bell on Iowa Indian Mission School-house	25 00	
	From M. C. Kimber, donated by a friend for M. A. Sherman	5 00	
	From W. F. M. S. Iowa Yearly Meeting for education of five girls at Ramallah	325 00	
	Cash for Ramallah	1 50	
	Donated by a friend	1 41	
	Margaret C. Kimber for Indian Missions	25 00	$997 24
To am't received from	Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	$400 73	
	Salem Quarterly Meeting	236 93	
	Sandwich Quarterly Meeting	82 50	
	Falmouth Quarterly Meeting	157 08	
	Smithfield Quarterly Meeting	144 00	
	Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting	4 00	
	Dover Quarterly Meeting	30 84	
	Fairfield Quarterly Meeting	150 00	
	Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting	16 00	$1222 08
Total receipts			$2219 32
	Cr.		
6 mo.	Traveling expenses to Palestine	$382 00	
	Outfit for Dr. F.	13 30	
	Books and sundry articles for Mission Home	18 65	
	Freight and expressage to Ramallah	42 77	
	Sent to E. H. J. by Winthrop auxiliary for special use	60 00	
	Paid salary of Bible Woman at Ramallah	90 00	
	Support of five girls at Training Home by Iowa W. F. M. S.	325 00	
	Saddle and bridle for Mission	17 50	
	Paid T. B. Hussey for general expenses at the Mission, Ramallah	184 47	
	Amount carried forward,	$1133 69	

	Amount brought forward.	$1133 69	
6 mo.	Sent H. H. Leighton for special needs of Mission	76 00	
	Paid salary of E. F. (8 mos.)	200 00	
	Paid C. M. Jones for building fund of Ramallah Mission	22 50	
	Bell on school-house at Indian Mission	25 00	
	Paid M. Sherman, present from a friend	5 00	
	Salaries of missionaries to Indians	349 65	
	Sent Anna L. Evans, India, for support of two orphan girls	50 00	
	Paid Supt. literature department	4 00	
	Sent Pundita Ramabai, India	10 00	
	For education of one girl in Mexico	60 00	
	Sent to Alaska Mission	9 00	
	Printing	5 00	
	Balance on hand Fourth Month, 1890	269 48	
			$2219 32

Money has been received from 27 treasurers of auxiliary societies and Bible Schools during the ten months for which we have reported. Several others have forwarded funds since our books closed. Annual reports have been received from 17 local treasurers. By these we find that about $600 worth of goods have been sent in boxes to Ramallah during the ten months for which we are reporting. $94.63 have been sent directly to missionaries in various places, without passing through the hands of the treasurer of the Executive Board, and $118.60 have been used for lectures, supplies, freight, etc., at home. $79.31 were remaining with local treasurers when their books closed and reports were forwarded. The largest amount received from any one auxiliary was $187 from Swansea, in Rhode Island quarter. Winthrop, Boston and Portland raised more than $100 each.

Honorable mention should be made of the Juvenile Band at Woonsocket, which sent $50 for Ramallah. If an interest in the cause of Missions can be awakened in the children, it will not be long before "the knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters do the sea."

Respectfully submitted.

HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Treasurer.*

WINTHROP CENTRE, ME., Fourth Month 1st, 1890.

I have examined the foregoing account, with the vouchers thereof, and found it correct.

M. AUGUSTA BATTEY, *Auditor.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 13th, 1890.

We adjourn to meet at half past 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Met according to adjournment.

The names of the Representatives being called, 42 were not present. For the absence of many, excuses were rendered.

A joint Epistle, addressed to Ohio Yearly Meeting, and also Epistles to New York, Canada, Kansas, Indiana, Western, and London Yearly Meetings, were read and cordially approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign these and those read at a former session, on our behalf, and forward them to the respective Meetings.

Loving letters, addressed to the young people and the children of this Yearly Meeting, have also been read and accepted, and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward them to the Quarterly Meetings for distribution.

We have united with Men Friends in accepting the Report of the Committee on Finance. [*See* p. 63.]

A report from the Auditing Committee has been accepted in concurrence with the Men's Meeting, and we also unite with it in the appointment of Samuel R. Buffinton as Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and James H. Chace as Treasurer of the Providence School funds. [*See* p. 61.]

The Clerk is authorized to procure the usual amount of printing for this Meeting, and call on the Treasurer for the expense incurred.

We unite with Men Friends in the adjournment of this Meeting to Portland, Maine, next year.

The proposition from Indiana Yearly Meeting in regard to the formation of a central Missionary Board, which was referred by Minute to this Meeting, has been again considered, but has not met our concurrence. It was decided that a paragraph to that effect should be inserted in our Epistle to that body.

The Records of the Representative Meeting were read, and we have united with Men Friends in adopting the Minute made by them in their Meeting. [*See* p. 69.]

A communication from the Secretary of the American Anti-Vivisection Society has been sent to us, and has been read at this time. The Clerk is authorized to inform her that it received the cordial approval of this Meeting, and we bid them God speed in their work.

We unite with Men Friends in the appointment of forty-eight Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting. [*See* p. 61.]

The Report of the Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the preparation of returning Minutes for the Ministers in attendance of this Meeting, did not meet its approval, and it was decided, with the concurrence of Men Friends, that the usual course should be pursued, and that they should be furnished with such Minutes.

We appoint the following Committee on Business to unite with a similar one from the Men's Meeting, "to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open"; also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, which now are or may then be under appointment, viz.: — Myra E. Frye, Sarah J. Swift, Hannah J. Bailey and Susan Peckham.

As we close our annual gathering in this time-honored place, endeared by so many associations, we wish to record our sense of the Lord's great goodness in His dealings with us. He has graciously condescended to meet with us, and has blessed us together. To Him be all the praise.

We conclude, proposing to meet again at Portland, Maine, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

ANNA G. WOOD, *Clerk.*

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MINUTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

YOUNG FRIENDS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP UNION.

1. The First Annual Assembly of the Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Union convened in business session at 2 P.M., Seventh-day, Sixth Month 14th, 1890, the President, Martha Hoag, in the Chair.

2. The Meeting was opened with singing, Scripture reading by the President, and prayer.

3. Names of delegates were called as follows: —

Boston. — Martha Hoag, Arthur Taber, Evi Sharpless.

Lynn. — William P. Pinkham, Cyrus Jones, Eliza A. Jones, Charles H. Atkins, Jennie M. Atkins, Alice B. Paige, George C. Herbert, Gertrude H. Pinkham, Marianna S. Crosman.

Portland. — Emma A. Douglas, John J. Frye, Myra E. Frye, A. F. Cox.

South Durham. — Mary H. Robinson, Lina B. Lunt.

Woonsocket. — Elisha T. Read, Jennie L. Lothrop, Alice G. Coffin, Edgar L. Arnold, Albert E. Todd, Joseph P. Burgess, John Metcalfe, Hattie B. Metcalfe.

South China. — Linwood W. Jones, Frank E. Jones.

4. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and accepted.

5. The Recording Secretary reported the work of the individual Unions for the past year, with a summary showing an increase of nine Unions, beside two Societies at the Friends' Boarding Schools not connected with the New England Union, making in all, fifteen local societies, with a membership of something over three hundred. Most of the Societies seem to be in a healthy spiritual condition, and full of zeal for the Master's work.

6. The following report of the Treasurer was received, and was satisfactory to the Assembly.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cr.

By cash for Constitutions from Woonsocket, R.I.	$2 50	
By cash for Constitutions from Lawrence, Mass.	2 00	
By cash for Constitutions from Boston, Mass.	50	
By cash for fees from Melissa S. Dearborn	05	
By cash for Constitutions from Portland, Me.	25	
By cash for fees from C. E. Bishop	2 50	
By cash for fees from Florence M. Wood	50	
By cash from Helen H. Seabury, gift	2 00	
By cash for fees from H. O. Aldrich	1 60	
By cash for fees from Lizzie M. Frye	1 70	
By cash for fees from South Durham	1 40	
		$15 00

Dr.

To cash for stamps, Mary B. Johnson	$ 50	
To cash for stamps, Mary B. Johnson	25	
To cash for Constitutions, H. J. Bailey	7 87	
By balance in hands of Treasurer	6 38	
		$15 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. JONES, *Treasurer.*

Audited: — Martha Hoag, *President.*

7. The Corresponding Secretary's report stated that letters had been written to the different Unions in our Yearly Meeting, and to Vice Presidents, encouraging the formation of Unions; that interesting letters had been received from other Yearly Meeting Societies, and considerable interest manifested for a uniformity of name and work. A very welcome and encouraging communication was read from our dear Friends Huldah H. Leighton and Etta H. Johnston, in the Friend's Mission at Ramallah, Palestine.

8. Two delegates from the New York Union were introduced and welcomed among us.

9. It was voted to appoint an Organizer for the coming year, whose duty it should be to assist the President by establishing and strengthening Unions in New England.

10. A Nominating Committee was appointed by the Chair to bring forward the names of Officers for the ensuing year.

11. Wilmot R. Jones was introduced, and the large audience listened with much interest to his address upon "Work for Young People in New England Yearly Meeting." Gulielma C. Wood

read a very interesting paper upon "Evangelistic Work in Our Cities," and Albert F. Minott directed our attention with energetic and helpful words to "Evangelistic Work in the Country."

12. The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted, and the following Officers were chosen for the coming year.

President — OSCAR J. MORSE, Woonsocket, R.I.
Recording Secretary — CLARA B. CROSMAN, Mountain Ave., Lynn, Mass.
Corresponding Secretary — LIZZIE M. FRYE, 23 Preble St., Portland, Me.
Treasurer — WILLIAM T. HUSSEY, North Berwick, Me.
Organizer — MARTHA HOAG, Sunderland St., Roxbury, Mass.

VICE PRESIDENTS FROM EACH QUARTERLY MEETING.

Rhode Island — ABBIE MACOMBER, Portsmouth, R.I.
Salem — CLARA B. CROSMAN, Lynn, Mass.
Sandwich — HELEN H. SEABURY, County St., New Bedford, Mass.
Falmouth — NELLIE M. JOHNSTON, 469 Cumberland St., Portland, Me.
Smithfield — ELISHA T. READ, Woonsocket, R.I.
Vassalboro — FRANK E. JONES, South China, Me.
Dover — ARTHUR M. HUSSEY, North Berwick, Me.
Fairfield — C. IRVING BAILEY, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Parsonsfield — DORA CARTLAND, East Parsonsfield, Me.

13. The following proposition from the Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Union of Kansas Yearly Meeting was read and united with.

PROPOSITION.

The following proposition is made to the different Yearly Meetings in America:

The spirit of work and progress seems to be permeating our Church organization, and is bringing forth fruit abundantly. This awakening interest is especially apparent among the young Friends of several Yearly Meetings, who are making an organized effort to systematically prosecute special lines of Christian work.

Seeing that there has been such an outpouring of the Lord's spirit upon us, we should find in it a special cause for thankfulness and encouragement to strive for yet greater blessings.

As in union there is strength, it is believed that if all the organizations of young Friends now existing were bound together by some common tie, they might be mutually helpful in many ways; it is therefore proposed that all Associations now formed adopt a common name, leaving the different organizations with their various lines and modes of work intact as they are.

New York, New England, Baltimore and Canada having already adopted the name, "Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Union," it is further proposed that all organizations be invited to adopt this name; and in Yearly Meetings where no organized effort has yet been made, the young Friends be urged to take immediate steps in that direction, that we may look forward to the holding of a general Assembly wherein all the Yearly Meetings may be represented.

14. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to inform the Secretary of the Kansas organization of our action upon this proposition.

15. The Secretary was instructed to send out notices to subordinate Unions, at least one month before our next Yearly Meeting, requesting them to appoint one delegate for every five active members or fraction thereof, and the secretaries of said subordinate Unions are requested to forward the list of delegates chosen, to the Secretary of the New England Society, immediately after their appointment.

16. The Secretary was instructed to petition that the Minutes of this Meeting be printed in connection with those of the Yearly Meeting.

17. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to correspond with the local Unions regarding the funds necessary to carry on our work, asking for their aid in this labor of love for Christ and the Church.

18. Business being concluded the meeting dissolved.

OSCAR J. MORSE, *Pres.*

Clara B. Crosman, *Rec. Sec.*

MINUTES

OF THE

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

FOR

NEW ENGLAND.

1891.

LYNN, MASS.
PRESS OF THOS. P. NICHOLS,
1891.

MINUTES OF THE MEN'S MEETING.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 12th, 1891.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.:

FROM RHODE ISLAND — Samuel R. Buffinton, Robert P. Gifford, Benjamin Greene, Henry C. Aydelott, Daniel Meader, Lemuel Chace, Augustine Jones, Charles A. Chace, Charles W. Earle, Obadiah Chace, Robert B. Hanson, Joseph H. Atwater, William H. Beale and Joseph E. Macomber.

FROM SALEM — George A. Crosman, William O. Newhall, William P. Pinkham, Owen Dame, Cyrus Jones, Thomas Wood, Olney T. Meader, John H. Crosman, Stephen R. Rogers, George L. Crosman, Joseph Cartland, Albert C. Hill, Lebbeus Hill, Walter B. Allen, Ezra Hawkes and Charles H. Thorndike.

FROM SANDWICH — Gideon Wood, Edward G. Dillingham, Joseph Ewer, Joshua L. Macomber, Thomas F. Haffard, Seth S. Swift, David Kelley, Arnold G. Tripp, William P. Macomber, Stephen R. Wing, Gideon K. Howland and John C. Taylor.

FROM FALMOUTH — Reuben T. Jones, John H. Hall, Lewis M. Douglas, Frederic Jones, Charles M. Jones, Nathan Douglas, Isaiah Douglas, John J. Frye, Charles A. Nichols and George H. Farr.

FROM SMITHFIELD — Isaac Steere, Richard Battey, David B. Wheeler, D. Wheeler Swift, William Aldrich, James G. Arnold and Sylvester S. Aldrich.

FROM VASSALBORO — Clement R. Jones, William H. Cates, James A. Cook, James C. Pierce, James M. Estes, Alfred H. Jones and Rufus M. Jones.

FROM DOVER — Timothy B. Hussey, William P. Jenkins, Albert C. Buffum, William P. Tuttle, Eli Meader, Job Varney, George Estes and John C. Nutter.

FROM FAIRFIELD — Joseph E. Briggs, Levi Jones, I. Warren Hawkes, Jesse McPherson, Henry Winslow, David J. Douglas, Isaac Winslow and George B. Wing.

FROM PARSONSFIELD — Russell Hoag, Joseph Remick, John B. Cartland, Silas H. Cartland, Addison Spalding and James Cartland.

Whose names being called, they were present except sixteen, for the absence of ten of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

3. The attention of the Meeting being called to Minute 58 of last year's Minutes, it is concluded to so amend the same by the insertion of the word "portion" after the word "which," so that the Minute shall read as follows, viz: —

> "The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved by this Meeting, except that portion relating to Henry C. Aydelott's publishing a pamphlet without asking the advice, and obtaining the concurrence of that Meeting; on account of questioned jurisdiction, which portion is hereby declared to be null and void."

4. We have at this time the acceptable company of Edward G. Wood, from New York Yearly Meeting; David E. Sampson, from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Calvin W. Prichard, from Western Yearly Meeting, John Y. Hoover and his wife Mary J. Hoover, and Pliny Fry, from Iowa Yearly Meeting; and Elias Jessup, from Kansas Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

5. We have also the acceptable company of Emma Sampson, an Elder, companion to her husband, David E. Sampson, and Mary C. Fry, companion to her husband, Pliny Fry, with satisfactory credentials from their friends at home.

6. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning Minutes, if

way should open for it, is referred to the following named Friends, viz.: — Henry C. Aydelott, William P. Tuttle, David J. Douglas, Rufus M. Jones, George H. Farr and Timothy B. Hussey, who are requested to unite with a similar committee of Women Friends and report at a future sitting.

7. Epistles have been received at this time from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, except London. Those from Ireland, New York, Baltimore, and North Carolina, have been read, the reading of the others is deferred to our afternoon sitting.

8. We appoint a Committee to propose at our next sitting a Committee on Correspondence.

9. We appoint Herbert A. Skinner, Owen Dame, William H. Cates, Lewis M. Douglas, Eli Meader, Levi Jones, Benjamin A. Chace, Sylvester S. Aldrich, John B. Cartland and William P. Davis, a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised, sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also a Friend for Treasurer of the Providence School Funds.

10. We appoint William P. Macomber, Charles Sisson, Samuel Buffum, Henry C. Orvis, Caleb Jones and Isaac Winslow a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it at a future sitting.

11. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid, or directed their Treasurers to pay, to the Treasurer of this Meeting, their proportion of stock called for last year.

12. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz.: —

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Anthony and Mary Arnold to the station of Elder; with Swansea Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Sarah M. Orvis; with Providence Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of John H. Meader, Thomas Chase and Thomas J. Battey to the station of Elder; and in the appointment of eleven associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Benjamin F. Knowles, an Elder and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died Fifth Month 18th, 1890, aged 77 years, 7 months and 14 days; Edward W. Collins, a Minister and member of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, died Eighth Month 6th, 1890, aged 64 years, 3 months and 18 days; Ruth Ann Collins, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died Twelfth Month 15th, 1890, aged 76 years, 6 months and 3 days, and that Hopkinton Mid-week Meeting has been discontinued.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Charles Howard Atkins, and with Boston Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of William Henry Butler, and in the appointment of nine associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Abby W. Pratt, an Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died Tenth Month 31st, 1890, aged 86 years, 1 month and 7 days; Clement R. Hanson, a Minister and member of the same Meeting, died Fourth Month 5th, 1891, aged 41 years, 1 month and 4 days; Soviah Folsom, an Elder and member of Amesbury Monthly Meeting, died First Month 9th, 1891, aged 89 years, 2 months and 22 days; John Paige, a Minister and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 19th, 1891, aged 79 years, 4 months and 19 days, and that Martha N. Hunt, a Minister, has been received by certificate from Sand Creek Monthly Meeting, Western Yearly Meeting by Salem Monthly Meeting.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Susan T. Thompson, and in the appointment of fifty-three associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Arnold Gifford, an Elder and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, died Seventh Month 3d, 1890, aged 80 years, 1 month and 22 days; Joseph Hoxie, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died Twelfth Month 12th, 1890, aged 92 years, 1 month and 13 days; Elizabeth Gifford, a Minister and member of the same Meeting, died Second Month 17th, 1891, aged 90 years and 6 months; Charity G. Moore, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died Third Month 11th, 1891, aged 75 years, 3 months and 11 days.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united in the appointment of six associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Augustus F. Cox, an Elder and member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 9th, 1891, aged 67 years.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Mary A. Randall, an Elder and member of Bolton Monthly Meeting, died First Month 18th, 1891, aged 89 years, 5 months and 29 days; that it has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Deborah P. Atherton to the station of Elder, and in the appointment of seven associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; that the time of holding Woonsocket Mid-week Meeting has been changed to 3.30, P.M.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Rufus M. Jones; that it has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Albert Jenkins, Abbie P. Jenkins, Henry Hanson and Sarah Hanson to the station of Elder, and with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Albert Pinkham to the same station. Lydia Shepherd, a Minister and member of China Monthly Meeting, died Eleventh Month 18th, 1890, aged 91 years, 3 months and 1 day; John C. Varney, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died Seventh Month 6th, 1890, aged 65 years, 7 months and 28 days. Lucy Whitehouse, a Minister and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, has been released from membership at her own request.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lydia E. Sawyer and Job Varney to the station of Elder, and in the appointment of two associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that George Richardson, a Minister and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, died Seventh Month, 2d, 1890, aged 82 years, 11 months and 15 days; Arnold B. Gifford, a member of the same Meeting, has been released from the station of Elder at his own request; Joseph H. Pratt, a Minister and member of Winthrop Monthly Meeting, died Twelfth Month 25th, 1890, aged 74 years and 7 months; that it has united in the appointment of twenty-three associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON — Met pursuant to adjournment.

13. Owen Dame, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William O. New-

hall for Clerk, and Timothy B. Hussey, and I. Warren Hawkes for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being severally approved, they were accordingly appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

14. The Epistles from Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas Yearly Meetings were now read.

15. The Committee appointed for that purpose, presented the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence, which is approved by the Meeting, as follows, viz.: —

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Gideon Wood,
John H. Crosman,
Alfred H. Jones,
Samuel Buffum,
William P. Macomber,
James M. Estes,
George A. Barton,
Rufus M. Jones,
Arthur Jones,
Daniel C. Maxfield,
William T. Hussey,
George L. Crosman,
William P. Pinkham,
Robert P. Gifford,
Isaac Steere,
Joseph S. Anthony,
Henry C. Aydelott,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Charles M. Jones,
Olney T. Meader,
Sumner G. Williams,
Caleb Jones.

16. The following propositions were received at this time from Indiana, Iowa and Kansas Yearly Meetings.

From Indiana Yearly Meeting:

"This Meeting has granted three of our Quarterly Meetings in the State of Ohio the privilege of holding a Yearly Meeting at Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, to be opened in Eighth Month, 1892, and to be known as Wilmington Yearly Meeting, and we ask your approbation and co-operation in its establishment.

Taken from the Minutes,

ALLEN TERRELL, *Clerk*."

From Iowa Yearly Meeting:

"Upon a proposition being introduced to establish a Conference of Yearly Meetings, we appoint the following Friends to have the matter in care in conjunction with Committees of other Yearly Meetings that may be appointed, and report next year, and they are directed to draw on the Treasurer to meet any necessary expense: Isom P. Wooton, Rebecca Lewis, William Jasper Hadley, John F. Hanson and Abbie G. Mendenhall.

Taken from the Minutes of Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends held from the 9th to the 16th inclusive of Ninth Month, 1890.

W. JASPER HADLEY, } *Clerks.”*
MARY T. THOMAS, }

FROM KANSAS YEARLY MEETING.

“The Committee to whom was referred the questions involved in the proposed change of our corporate name from ‘Kansas Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends’ to ‘Kansas Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church’ report that while they think the change desirable, yet they believe that it is best that there be a concert of action in the matter in all the Yearly Meetings.”

Whereupon we appoint Owen Dame, William P. Macomber, Augustine Jones, David B. Wheeler, Samuel Buffum, Henry F. Newell, Caleb Jones, Levi Jones and John B. Cartland a Committee to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends and take the several propositions into serious consideration, and report at a future sitting.

17. The Statistical Accounts, received from our Quarterly Meetings, were now read, and are as follows, viz.: —

STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Number reported last year.	Error in last year's report. — Gain.	Error in last year's report. — Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number of Members.
Rhode Island .	835	0	0	6	14	21	22	22	5	8	0	843
Salem	702	0	1	4	17	16	16	14	6	0	6	696
Sandwich . . .	588	0	0	2	16	4	5	6	1	0	10	578
Falmouth . . .	573	0	1	8	10	6	9	10	6	0	2	571
Smithfield . .	356	0	1	3	11	0	5	9	9	0	14	342
Vassalboro . .	500	0	0	3	9	6	0	2	6	0	4	496
Dover	211	0	9	1	5	2	0	1	5	0	15	196
Fairfield . . .	547	0	0	4	13	0	8	9	2	0	10	537
Parsonsfield .	156	0	0	2	1	2	5	3	0	1	0	157
Total	4468	0	12	33	96	57	70	76	40	9	61	4416
Net loss . .											52	

18 STATISTICS OF CHILDREN.

	Number of Children between 4 and 21.	Number between 12 and 21.	Number attending school.	Number attending school taught or controlled by Friends.	Number attending school taught or controlled by Friends between 12 and 21.
Rhode Island	146	86	107	18	13
Salem	118	68	100	13	5
Sandwich	78	41	42	14	11
Falmouth	103	50	81	9	9
Smithfield	34	23	23	3	3
Vassalboro	72	52	40	21	20
Dover	24	12	21	2	1
Fairfield	53	36	48	7	4
Parsonsfield	32	17	25	8	3
Total	660	385	487	95	69

19. The Committee to disburse the income of the Mosher Fund presented their report, which having been read, was referred to our next session for further consideration.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

SEVENTH-DAY MORNING, THE 13TH.

The Meeting assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

20. The Report of the Committee on the disbursement of the income of the Mosher Fund being further considered, is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Committee now under appointment is continued for service another year, with the substitution of Susan Peckham for Rebecca H. Smiley, whose absence and poor health prevent her attention to this service.

The Report is as follows, viz. : —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF THE MOSHER FUND.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee on the disbursement of the income of the Mosher Fund would report, that one hundred and fifty-eight copies of "Friends' Review" have been distributed.

Two hundred and ten copies of the "Life of Eli and Sybil Jones" have been purchased and ten of them sent to Syria.

Fifteen dollars have been expended in carefully selected works sent to Friends' Mission at Ramallah, to help form the nucleus of a library at that Mission.

One hundred copies of "The Early Christian Church and Other Essays," by Thomas Kimber, have been purchased from the New York Book and Tract Committee.

The balance on hand has been reserved by the Committee, to be used before the payment of the interest on the Fund.

SARAH MARBLE, *Clerk.*

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 14th, 1891.

21. H. H. MOSHER FUND—TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year's account	$109 42	
Received from Trustees	630 16	
Received interest on Savings Bank, deposit	2 22	
		$741 80

PAYMENTS.

Sample books	$7 92	
158 copies "Friends' Review"	235 75	
210 copies "Life and Work of Eli and Sybil Jones"	189 75	
100 copies "Early Christian Church"	80 00	
Sundry books for Ramallah	14 74	
Express and postage	5 95	
Balance to new account	207 69	
		$741 80

J. E. PAIGE, *Treasurer.*

LYNN, MASS., Sixth Month 5th, 1891.

COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF THE MOSHER FUND.

Alfred H. Jones,
John Ellwood Paige,
Ruth S. Murray,
Esther Jones,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Susan Peckham,
Sarah Marble.

22. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund have presented the following account of the present investment and condition of the Fund, viz.:—

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The income for the year ending Sixth Month, 1891, has been,—

From the Boston City Bond	$500 00	
From New Bedford Institution for Savings	38 38	
From Lynn Institution for Savings	91 78	
		$630 16

The payments for the year have been,—

To J. E. Paige, Treasurer of the Publishing Committee,	$630 16

The Fund is invested in:

City of Boston 5% Bond	$10,000 00	
New Bedford Institution for Savings	950 87	
Lynn Institution for Savings	2,272 51	
		$13,223 38

For the Trustees,

C. F COFFIN, *Trustee.*

Lynn, Mass., Sixth Month 10th, 1891.

Note. — The premium paid for the Boston Registered 5% Bond, having been fully made up by adding a portion of income to the principal for several years, the entire income of the Fund has this year been paid to the Treasurer of the Committee on Income of the Mosher Fund.

23. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting approved.

24. The Committee to aid a member of our Society from the British Provinces, made the following Report, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE IN CARE OF A FRIEND FROM THE BRITISH PROVINCES.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee in care of the Friend from the British Provinces report that they have attended to the duty assigned them.

That last year's appropriation has been applied towards furnishing this dear friend with a comfortable home and support, for which he continues to feel truly grateful.

Though of great age and feeble in body, his health is fairly good, his mind clear, and his soul filled with glowing hope. We would recommend that $125 be appropriated for his comfort and support the ensuing year.

On behalf of the Committee,

ALFRED H. JONES,
HANNAH J. BAILEY.

Portland, Me., Sixth Month, 1891.

25. An Epistle from Ramallah Monthly Meeting, Palestine, was now read to our satisfaction.

26. The subject of a new apportionment claiming the attention of the Meeting, it was concluded to refer the same to the Representatives now in attendance of this Meeting.

27. Salem Quarterly Meeting proposes as follows, viz.: — "We request the Yearly Meeting that it revise, or interpret more clearly that portion of Discipline relating to the appointment of Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, found on page 100, beginning 'There should also be appointed in each Monthly Meeting,'" etc., which is referred to the Representatives.

28. Dover Quarterly Meeting proposes as follows, viz.: — "This Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting to so change our Discipline that the names of those of our members who have joined other religious denominations may be dropped from our records, and they released from membership with us without the appointment of a Committee to visit such," which is referred to the Representatives.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

29. Fairfield Quarterly Meeting proposes as follows, viz.: — "This Meeting is united in requesting that the following changes in place be made in the holding of our Quarterly Meeting, — that the Meetings in Fifth Month be held at Manchester, instead of Fairfield, and those in Ninth Month held at St. Albans, instead of Manchester, as at present," which is approved by this Meeting, and the change accordingly made. The Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

30. The Committee having charge of Providence School, presented their Annual Report, viz.: —

REPORT OF BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Another mile-stone in the history of Friends' School at Providence, having been passed, the committee in charge would present their report of the work of the year. They can thankfully acknowledge that it has been a year of blessing, no serious illness, nor disaster, having been permitted to come near the school.

The number of scholars for the year has been, boarders 145, day students 25, total 170, and the desire to make good use of the opportunities afforded, has perhaps been more general than in some years. The love of knowledge for its own sake, being the motive power of effort, and a very united and harmonious feeling has been apparent.

Realizing as we do, that the most important part of teaching is the building up of character, it has been particularly pleasant to see the interest manifested in religious matters. This has been fostered by the teachers, and has resulted in the formation of a Christian Fellowship Union among the older students. Three times during the year we have been called upon to mourn the loss of valued members of this Committee, James O. Inman, Augustus F. Cox and Rebecca Steere. Through a long connection with the management of the school, they have shown their interest by their earnest attention to the duties devolving upon them. The summons, to them, came suddenly, but we have the consolation of believing it did not find them unprepared.

The Officers of government and instruction have been:

AUGUSTINE JONES, A.M., LL.B., Principal and Political Science.

FRED JOHNSON DAGGETT, Governor, English Studies, and Calisthenics for Boys.

EVELYN BARROW, B.S., Governess and English Studies.

ANNA CARROLL, A.M., History and Literature.

THOMAS J. BATTEY, A.M., Natural Science.

MARY E. RAWSON, Vocal and Instrumental Music.

SOPHIA E. PITMAN, Drawing and Painting.

WALTER S. MEADER, A.M., Higher Mathematics.

FREDERICK H. HOWARD, A.M., Greek and Latin.

CHARLES R. JACOB, Modern Languages.

HATTIE HACKER, English Studies.

MARY P. HELME, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.

ALLEN W. WEEKS, Mechanic Arts.

EDWARD F. ROBINSON, A.M., charge of Boys' School-Room.

ANNIE E. EWER, Primary Room.

ROBERT BONNER, Instrumental Music.

CLARA E. RAWSON, Calisthenics for Girls.

EDWARD F. ROBINSON, A.M., Secretary and Book-keeper.

MARY A. GOVE, Librarian.

LECTURER.

THOMAS J. BATTEY, A.M., Natural Science.

AUDITORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEVENTH MONTH 1ST, 1890.

RECEIPTS.

Charitable Scholarship Fund	$2,100 00	
Elizabeth Fry Fund	1,500 00	
General Scholarship Fund	8,122 13	
Board and Tuition	29,431 64	
Day Scholars' Tuition	2,191 12	
Auxiliary Studies, use of Pianos, etc	3,023 09	
		$46,367 98

EXPENDITURES.

For Salaries	$17,200 61	
Wages	9,572 23	
Provisions	9,911 32	
Advertising	1,014 24	
Repairs and Renewals	3,478 46	
Library	315 64	
Water	331 91	
Fuel	1,260 71	
Light	818 57	
Papers and Periodicals	51 61	
Incidentals	184 59	
Improvements	933 79	
Debts considered bad	315 62	
Balance to Profit and Loss	978 68	
		$46,367 98

SAM'L R. BUFFINTON,
J. H. CHACE,
ROBERT P. GIFFORD, } Auditors.

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the School per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150.00. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund of $75.00. Credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same fund, of $25.00. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the Scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $75.00.

The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German of $10.00; for one year's instruction in pencil drawing, $15.00; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.00.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made, except, when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one-half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

With the hope that the seed-sowing of the year may result in rich fruitage in the days to come, we would again commend the School to the kindly care of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

RUTH S. MURRAY,
Clerk for the day.

PROVIDENCE, Sixth Month 2d, 1891.

NOTE. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 9th, 1891. The Spring Term begins Second Month 2d, 1892, and ends Sixth Month 21st, 1892.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, Eighth Month 11th, 1891.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Eighth Month, 11th, 1891.

Applications should be sent to the Principal, Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, many bearing testimony to the value and efficiency of the Institution. The Meeting feeling that usefulness would result from the appointment of a new Committee, concludes to appoint a nominating Committee for that purpose. They are desired to report at a future sitting ; they are also requested to nominate a Real Estate Committee, consisting of five members of the School Committee.

31. The Real Estate Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting last year in connection with the Providence School, presented their Report, viz. : —

REPORT OF THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Boarding School Committee, at their meeting, Eighth Month 12th, 1890, in accordance with Minute No. 37, year 1889, appointed Olney T. Meader to fill the vacancy in this Committee caused by the death of our dear friend James O. Inman.

We have sold two lots during the past year, one containing 8750 square feet, and the other 6511 45-100 square feet, the deeds for both having been executed in proper form, but not yet delivered.

The sum of six hundred dollars has been received on account of the purchase money for these two lots, and the other remains at 6% interest until the respective deeds shall have been delivered.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance reported last year	$191 65	
Received 8th mo. 20, 1890, for one mortgage note	1,000 00	
" 8th mo. 20, 1890, int. on eleven mortg. notes	330 00	
" 11th mo. 20, 1890, one mortgage note	1,000 00	
" 11th mo. 20, 1890, int. on one mort. note	15 00	
" 2d mo. 20, 1891, one mortgage note	1,000 00	
" 2d mo. 20, 1891, int. on nine mortg. notes,	270 00	
" 5th mo. 20, 1891, one mortg. note and int.,	1,015 00	
Total receipts of purchase money on account from sales of two lots	600 00	
		$5,421 65

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to James H, Chace, Treasurer, in cash remittances when funds were received in total, amounting to	$5,230 00	
Expenses	77 60	
Cash on hand with custodian	114 05	
		$5,421 65

ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
Clerk of Real Estate Committee.

32. The Committee appointed last year to transfer the Providence School Funds and securities then in the hands of Owen Dame, late Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of said Funds, into the hands of James H. Chace, Treasurer of said Funds, and give the late Treasurer a receipt therefor, report the service performed, and they are now released.

33. The Committee having the care of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute the past year, have presented their Annual Report, viz. : —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

To the Yearly Meeting :

In presenting to the Yearly Meeting our annual report, it is with unfeigned pleasure that we acknowledge the gracious goodness and watchful care of our Heavenly Father over the Institution during the school year just closed.

The health of the Board of Instruction and of the students has with little exception been remarkably good. Harmony has prevailed throughout. The attendance has been larger than any previous year, numbering 131, and characterized by satisfactory success in all the departments of school work.

The Principal well remarks that "The religious condition of the school has been very satisfactory and gratifying. Many of the scholars have found the Saviour during the year. Many more have grown into a richer and fuller life with Him. It has been a year of continued advance spiritually, and the meetings on First and Fourth-days have been greatly blessed."

The Institution is gaining a firm hold on the hearts of the people, is growing in confidence and its influence for good is steadily widening.

The Legislature of Maine, at its last session, recognizing the good work being done by it in developing the character of our youth, made an appropriation towards its support of $800 a year for ten years to come.

With feelings of sadness we are called to record the removal by death from our number of our beloved friend Augustus F. Cox, who suddenly departed this life Fourth Month last, at his home in this city.

Deeply interested in the Seminary, he desired to see it rise to a high degree of excellence for intellectual and moral culture, and, sparing no pains, he cheerfully and heartily responded to its needs, giving liberally of his time and money.

The following is a list of the officers of Instruction and Government for the ensuing year :—

Rufus M. Jones, A.M., *Principal*, Languages.
Herbert H. Goddard, A.M., Mathematics.
Georgia B. Birdsall, Ph. B., Governess, History and English.
Sybil Stanley, B.S., Science.
* . . . . , Commercial Department.
Emma R. Goddard, Primary Department.
Sarah H. C. Jones, Care of Household.
Lewis P. Mayo, Instrumental Music.

* Instructor not yet chosen

Calendar, 1891–92.

Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 1st, 1891.
Winter Term begins Twelfth Month 1st, 1891.
Spring Term begins Third Month 1st, 1892.

All applications for admission to the school should be made to Rufus M. Jones, Principal, Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, Vassalboro, Maine.

On behalf of the Committee,

CHARLES M. BAILEY, *Chairman.*
ALFRED H. JONES, *Secretary.*

Portland, Sixth Month 13th, 1891.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$253 25	
Draft from S. R. Buffinton, Treasurer	205 70	
Interest on loans	840 00	
Board and tuition	3,626 47	
Maine State Treasurer	800 00	
		$5,725 42

EXPENDITURES.

Expense (repairs)	$364 79	
Paid for horse	125 00	
Paid for expense of School	5,171 57	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	64 06	
		$5,725 42

FUNDS AND SECURITIES NOW IN CARE OF TREASURER.

Mortgage notes	$10,000 00	
Sybil Jones Fund	643 44	
Other notes	3,000 00	
Mary E. Austin Fund	3,000 00	
N. E. Yearly Meeting note, $3,000—$125	2,875 00	
		$19,518 44
Cash on hand		64 06
		$19,582 50

JOSEPH E. BRIGGS,. *Treasurer.*

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 13th, 1891.

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, and find them correctly cast.

JOHN J. FRYE,
HANNAH J. BAILEY, } *Auditors.*

The Report is deeply interesting and encouraging to the Meeting. We now conclude to appoint a new Committee, to whom the interests of the Seminary may be confided the ensuing year; it is also concluded that the nomination of said Committee be referred to the Friends appointed to nominate a Committee for Providence School. The nomination of three Trustees to hold the Trust Funds of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute is referred to the above Committee. They are also directed to nominate a Friend for Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

Adjourned to meet on Second-day Morning, at 10 o'clock, in joint session.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, THE 15TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

34. Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting proposes as follows, viz.: — "This Meeting is united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting the propriety of reading and answering the Queries but once a year," which is referred to the Representatives.

35. The Report of the Committee on Gospel Work was now presented and read, as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

In making our report this year, we wish first to acknowledge that the protecting care of our Heavenly Father has been over us, and to express our thankfulness to Him that His guiding hand has been with us, and we have been Divinely helped in the labor of love the Church assigned to us.

Immediately after our appointment we entered upon the discharge of the duties placed upon us, under a deep feeling of the great interests embodied in the appointment, and of the responsibilities that rested upon us in endeavoring to carry out the travail of the Church, to preach the Gospel to every creature; caring for those already in the fold, and that it might be with us as with the infant Church "When they, having rest, were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost were multiplied." Acts 9 : 31.

It was the desire of the Committee that every meeting of Friends in the Yearly Meeting should have a series of meetings, but owing to the limited number of workers that could devote their time to the work, and various other reasons, there are several meetings that have not had this great blessing. Of our seventy-one meetings, about fifty have been blessed with some protracted work. Nearly all these meetings are reported to have been a great blessing to the Church. Many of them have been seasons in which the power of the Lord has been manifest to the blessing of many souls, awakening whole communities, and causing numbers to seek and find pardon through faith in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. One reports the meetings "the greatest in power and blessing, ever held in that place." Another reports the settlement of old difficulties, and restoring love and unity. Several report the whole Church and community have been roused. Some who had never enjoyed the witness of the Spirit, have been soundly converted. Backsliders have been reclaimed and believers have been entirely sanctified.

We feel a delicacy in making definite reports as to the number professing conversion and renewal, so that the numbers given do not fully measure the good work accomplished. But from the reports given we learn, viz:

Number of Meetings visited	75
Number of series of Meetings	37
Number of Meetings held	383
Number of families visited	419
Number of professed conversions	244
Number of renewals	272
Number sanctified wholly	156
Number of renewals in holiness	126
Number at our altars seeking the salvation of God	400
Nnmber of requests for membership at these Meetings	15

Some children's meetings and Bible readings, some Temperance meetings and some in the interest of Foreign Missions are reported.

Several report that there is a looking towards Friends by many in their vicinity, and that requests for membership are expected. Some of our meetings have closed too soon.

We have endeavored to keep ourselves in close fellowship with the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings' Committees, by correspondence and otherwise, to consult about the service, and the definite needs of their meetings. And we wish humbly and thankfully to acknowledge the unity and assistance of the Church, and the constantly expressed wish of the workers to labor in unity with the desire of the Committee, very little having occurred to mar the harmony of the work. To the Lord alone be all the praise.

As a Committee we are brought face to face with the great question that has been, and is, pressing itself with greater or less force upon the Church. How shall the blessed work that has been done be preserved to the glory of God, and the strengthening of His cause on the earth? Or how shall we most effectually do pastoral service?

How are we to mature, build up, and confirm those whom the service of the Evangelist lays in the lap of the Church? It would seem that his work, beyond the limits of our own Meetings must be stayed until we can find a solution of this great question. With our present system and knowledge, we are hardly able to take care of the lambs in our own immediate fold, and it will not do to go outside to bring forth young which will be left to perish. We are impressed that the Church should give this subject its best possible thought and effort, to find a system that will meet our pressing needs and bring into service, in a systematic and economical way, the pastoral gifts which the Lord has certainly bestowed.

It becomes us to notice the hand of God, in removing by death two of our ready and faithful helpers,—Augustus F. Cox our beloved Chairman and Andrew J. Williams one of our Superintendents, both thoroughly committed to the interests of our cause, who have passed in holy triumph from the battle-fields of earth to the Church Triumphant above.

In thus returning to the Yearly Meeting the trust committed to us, we pray the blessing of the Lord on the work done, and that we may be helped as a Church to do our part in preaching the Gospel to every creature, and in the future reap a harvest from the field so white, to the glory of God.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

D. J. DOUGLAS, *General Supt.*

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 13th, 1891.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF GOSPEL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$28 50	
Subscriptions	653 60	
Winthrop Monthly Meeting	23 25	
Swansea Monthly Meeting	10 50	
New Bedford Monthly Meeting	28 35	
Dover Monthly Meeting	6 00	
Salem Monthly Meeting	21 00	
Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer	300 00	
		$1,071 20

EXPENDED.

Gospel work	$1,036 74	
Balance on hand	34 46	
		$1,071 20

J. E. BRIGGS, *Treasurer.*

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

The following statistical report is made up to Sixth Month 1st, 1891.

	Rhode Island.	Salem.	Sandwich.	Falmouth.	Smithfield.	Vassalboro.	Dover.	Fairfield.	Parsonsfield.	Total.
No. of meetings in each Quarterly Meeting	12	11	15	6	7	8	5	7	2	73
No. of meetings discontinued since 1840	12	3	4	4	1	2	6	4	2	38
No. of meetings held in halls, schoolhouses, etc.	6	1	1	6	0	6	0	6	0	26
No. of ministers in each Quarter	18	12	15	18	10	17	6	10	6	112
No. of established meetings having no resident minister	1	1	7	1	2	1	2	0	0	15
No. of members	843	696	578	571	342	496	196	537	157	4716
No. of uninterested members*	189	100	109	101	120	81	76	172	17	965
No. of non-members who make Friends' meetings their usual place of worship	53	44	60	120	66	135	32	54	34	598
No. of ministers devoted to gospel work, and disengaged from secular business	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
No. of meetings established since 1840	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11

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* Those counted in this number are those members over eighteen years of age who seldom or never attend meetings, and do not take any *apparent* active part in religious work.

Greatest special needs reported. Three meetings report, more consecration; twelve, more ministers and workers; two, more unity; three, the baptism of the Holy Ghost; one, teachers in the Sabbath school; one, more willingness to attend more than one meeting on the Sabbath; one, liberty for singing in the morning meetings; one, deeper work of grace; one, revival; one, gospel work; one, more youthful element.

Errors excepted.

The Report is very interesting and satisfactory to the Meeting, and we conclude to nominate a Committee to produce at a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Gospel Work, and report at a future sitting.

36. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South have presented their Annual Report, together with the report of the condition of the Freedmen's Normal Institute at Maryville, Tenn., made by its Superintendent, William P. Hastings. The Committee is continued for service another year, with the exception of our late dear friend James O. Inman, and Charles F. Coffin released at his own request.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Maryville Institute opened in the autumn of 1890, and continued through that term of eighteen weeks with larger attendance than usual, and experienced a degree of prosperity in other ways unsurpassed by that of any corresponding months during its history. The aggregate weeks of attendance for students on the George Sturge Fund amounted to 396 4-5, and that of other pupils 1580 4-5.

This large number called for the payment of wages in amount exceeding the Yearly Meeting's appropriation of five hundred dollars, but the deficit was made up by thirty-five dollars from the income of the H. C. Camp Fund, and seventeen dollars and ninety-six cents donation.

For the Spring Term it was decided to reduce the aid to students on the George Sturge Fund, so as to admit a larger number, and to admit only such others as were able to meet their own expenses. It was, indeed, no small trial to our Principal, Wm. P. Hastings, and his assistants, to meet such an increased demand for learning with our financial inability to sustain the work. We were thankful, however, that sixty-six students were entered on the George Sturge Fund; and others who met their own expenses numbered over thirty.

The aid to students on the George Sturge Fund, for the Autumn Term,

Amounted to	$682 49
And that for the Spring Term	1,326 14
Other donations were received amounting to	37 04

And mention may be made of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, which was sent elsewhere to the South for education of Freedmen and Indians, by Friends and others of Amesbury, Mass.

We earnestly hope that Friends of New England Yearly Meeting will prayerfully consider the work we have in hand at the Maryville Institute and that there shall be such practical support rendered as to enable the workers there, to respond to the pressing needs of those whose spirit of helpfulness to help themselves we desire so much to encourage.

Our hearts were saddened in Seventh Month last, by the sudden death of our dear friend James O. Inman whose counsel was appreciated though he lived but a few days after his appointment.

On behalf of the Committee.

ROBERT P. GIFFORD.

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 13th, 1891.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREEDMEN'S NORMAL INSTITUTE, MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Notwithstanding the drawback in consequence of a lack of funds, the school has been prosperous this year.

Our Sabbath school and meetings for worship have been kept up as usual, with a very good attendance.

The subjects of Peace and Temperance have received due attention from time to time as usual, both through oral instruction by lecturing, etc., and by the distribution of literature.

A visit from Mary A. Marriage Allen, of England, revived the work of last year in the Home Mission Workers' Union, and added several members to the Society.

It may be remembered by some that its members pledge themselves to total abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors and tobacco; to refrain from profanity, and to pursue a systematic course of the daily reading of the Scriptures.

STATISTICS.

Number of days taught	190
Number enrolled	211
Per cent. of attendance	.88
Number of boarders in the buildings	80
Number of teachers in the Training Class	106
Number teaching in different States (estimated)	200
Number taught by former students (estimated)	10,000
Number reading from books	211
Number studying arithmetic	211

Number studying English grammar	200
Number studying geography	130
Number studying English composition	200
Number studying United States history	75
Number studying physiology	28
Number studying scientific agriculture	16
Number studying natural philosophy	1
Number studying algebra	9
Number studying geology of Tennessee	12
Number studying English literature	8
Number studying geometry	1
Number studying Latin	5
Number studying Greek	2
Number studying rhetoric	5
Number graduated in the Elementary Course	4

This annual report is submitted with the earnest hope that the members of New England Yearly Meeting will continue, as in the past, to give this work their moral and material support, for it is through such efforts that the fraternizing of the world is to be effected, and the time hastened when "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

WM. P. HASTINGS, *Principal.*

Sixth Month 5th, 1891.

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Joseph E. Briggs,
Robert P. Gifford,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Elizabeth A. Gifford,
Augustine Jones,
Elizabeth T. Larkin.

37. The Trustees of the Sturge and Knowles Funds presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and is as follows, viz.: —

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE STURGE AND KNOWLES FUNDS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$533 35	
Coupons paid Seventh Month, 1890	727 50	
Coupons paid First Month, 1891	727 50	
Interest on deposit, Sixth Month, 1891	17 07	
Received from the Henry Camps Fund	25 00	
		$2,030 42

EXPENDITURES.

Assisting 22 students, Fall Term	$682 49	
Box in R.I. Safe Deposit Co.	15 00	
Assisting 66 students, Spring Term	1,326 14	
Balance for new account	6 79	
		$2,030 42

THE H. C. CAMPS FUND.

Cash on hand Sixth Month 11th, 1890	$136 83	
Dividend Tenth Month 9th, 1890	35 00	
Dividend Third Month 21st, 1891	35 00	
Interest to Fourth Month 30th, 1891	3 01	
		$209 84
Paid on account to Wm. P. Hastings for services as Principal of the Freedmans' Normal Institute	$35 00	
Paid to Wm. P. Hastings for the use of said Institute by transfer to George Sturge account	25 00	
Balance for new account	149 84	
		$209 84

On behalf of the Trustees.

SAM'L R. BUFFINTON.
ELLEN K. BUFFUM.

On account of the decease of our dear friend James O. Inman, James H. Chace is appointed one of the Trustees of the Sturge and Knowles Funds.

TRUSTEES OF THE STURGE AND KNOWLES FUNDS.

Samuel R. Buffinton, Fall River, Mass.
Augustine Jones, Providence, R.I.
Owen Dame, Lynn, Mass.
James H. Chace, Providence, R.I.
Rebecca H. Smiley, Woodfords, Me.
Ellen K. Buffum, Providence, R.I.
Susan T. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon the meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

38. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

It is with praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father, who has so lovingly guided our affairs, that we bring to you the interesting report of Huldah H. Leighton, who under the Divine blessing, has done so much toward prospering the Eli and Sybil Jones Mission the past year. She writes:

"In reviewing the work of the year just passed we are much encouraged and have much reason to praise and adore our Heavenly Father for His strength and guidance.

We are deeply impressed with the way in which He has been pleased to own and prosper the work of His hand here; while at the same time we are humbled at our own insufficiency and many failings.

Our Meetings on Sabbath day mornings are still carried on with good attendance. We believe a leavening process is quietly going on in the minds of many through individual efforts of some of the members.

Our simple, quiet mode of worship and the liberty which is given to all to follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit is making an impression on the minds of some who occasionally attend. We trust that with a few there is a deepening of spiritual life and an earnest desire to live in accordance with the precepts of the Gospel.

In Second Month of last year when our dear friends, Ruth Murray, William and Susan Thompson, were with us, all felt that the right time had come for establishing a Friends' Meeting, and that such a step would tend to strengthen and help those who claimed to be with us. William Thompson in his Bible talks, from time to time, explained to them "Friends' principles," their views on baptism, communion, etc., all of which when translated they seemed to understand and unite with. Rules for a Monthly Meeting etc., were drawn up, united with, and signed by thirty-two persons. Thus a Friends' Meeting was established, and of this step we can most heartily say there has been no reason to repent. Our Monthly Meetings are held the first Third day evening in each month. We have a clerk, treasurer and two overseers, who attend to their duties in a quiet, orderly manner.

Upon the first Sabbath of each month there is a collection taken which we are informed is to be kept to help in the building of a meeting house when New England Friends are ready to build. Not only are the people giving from their small means, but are ready, they tell us, to help with their hands when the proper time comes for building.

May the Lord hasten the day when these people who are so glad to be recognized as Friends will have a comfortable house of worship which they can call their own.

Instead of holding our Sabbath afternoon meetings in the Western school-house as formerly, they were holden at the houses of our members. In so doing we were able to reach a greater number than we otherwise could have done. In two or three instances the Greeks opened their rooms for the meetings to please their sons, who are constant attenders of our meetings.

The Sabbath School in charge of our head teacher, Saleem Saada, is still held in the school room at the mission building, with the usual good attendance. The people give earnest attention to each lesson, and we believe their knowledge of and love for God's word is increasing.

The Mothers' meetings are still maintained under the care of our head teacher. The women are almost constant attenders, although many are obliged to bring their little ones with them. Bible talks are given in which they are much interested. Here mothers are enabled to listen to real "words of life." All who can, commit Bible verses to memory. We believe these weekly gatherings are owned and blessed by our dear Lord, who said "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these ye did it unto me."

At the close of the Spring term we had a public examination of the Training Home and out schools for both boys and girls. The examination took place in the meeting house, and occupied one whole day. In the evening the children went creditably through with an interesting programme. It consisted of recitations, singing, dialogues, etc. The little meeting house was crowded to its utmost capacity with Christians, Jews, Greeks, Latins and Moslems. As we watched and listened to our little girls of the Training Home, we exclaimed "What hath God wrought" in two short years.

The Training Home shows it has been under efficient teachers during the year. Little girls who had been only four terms in English, could read and spell readily, all words of three, four or five letters. Also they are getting to talk and understand English well. In their native language the larger girls answered all general questions in elementary rules and compound numbers, and could answer all questions promptly that were put to them in geography, grammar, etc., but especially in the Bible.

As the rent of the girls' school building had expired, we united the two girls' schools. This school now contains sixty-two children, under the charge of Emily Aramoonie, assisted by Helanie Totah, who was a pupil in the Girls' Training Home last year. Daily the girls are taught Scripture, reading, writing, spelling, dictation, plain sewing, and the elements of arithmetic and geography. Good progress was made by the few who attended regularly. The work in the day schools is far less satisfactory, owing to home influences, than in the Training Home. Also, the girls are obliged to remain often out of school to bring, from far distances, wood and water for family use; while the boys are made to leave school to earn money for themselves and parents, as soon as they are old enough to work. During the rainy season, we always have a better attendancé, and all who remain in our schools make good improvement.

The Dispensary, which was closed at the beginning of last year, was again opened the first of this. During its close we were not forgetful or negligent of the distresses of the poor. Over eight hundred who needed relief were either received at the Mission, or attended at their homes. Several hundred were treated for eye diseases alone. They came daily for treatment, many from far villages, until cured or relieved. We improved these opportunities to teach them cleanliness — that they must keep themselves clean if they wish to be well. One poor woman, whose little son we took to the Mission, while he lived would watch us while we washed her child, and learned what we meant by being "washed and made clean." One day we were called to one of her neighbors to see a child who was ill. Upon telling the mother that she must wash her boy before we could give any medicine, this woman, who was present, quickly said, "I know how I can do it;" and she did do her work *well.* The little one soon went to sleep, and when it awoke was better. All it needed was a good bath. Those who required better treatment and care than we were able to give were furnished with a writing, and sent to the hospital at Jerusalem.

Early in the Autumn the cholera began to rage north of us, causing us much anxiety and thought. We found that prompt measures must be taken to keep the scourge from our people. As far forth as we were able we had the street cleaned up, and tried to encourage cleanliness among the villagers. The people of the outlying villages, fearing the rainy season might bring us much sickness, petitioned us to call a physician. We invited the workers together, and after consultation, decided we must not make delay. Hearing of Philip Malouf, a physician and surgeon of much practice in Mt. Lebanon, and an earnest Christian, we wrote him, and in reply, he said "He had it for some time on his mind to become a missionary physician, and would gladly come on trial." He reached Ramallah the first of the year, and most of the time since has been very busy. The heavy rains brought much sickness—pneumonia, pleurisy, fevers, etc. After he had served three months we engaged him for one year. He takes an active part in the meetings, and we trust he is doing good work in many ways.

The vineyard has been plowed, and vines pruned, same as last year, when the result of such labor was 500 ruttles of grapes. There was a bountiful supply for the tables, besides a large quantity which was made into molasses-jam for the tables. Of the molasses, some still remains unused.

We acknowledge the receipt of the boxes sent, especially the one well filled with garden tools which we much needed.

In conclusion, dear friends, let us say what we have come to believe, that there is no better real mission field on the face of the globe than that which God has placed in the care of New England Friends, and which He so wonderfully owns and blesses.

Since this mission was established there have been marked changes in the lives of many of our people. Under much persecution, some of them during the past year have remained steadfast for the right.

In the name of our God, with whom we are privileged to be co-workers, we wish to say; let us continue to be used by Him in the uplifting of these people of Palestine.

H. H. LEIGHTON."

This report must surely confirm our faith in our covenant-keeping God, who has set such an open door before us in these Bible lands.

We have also occasion to praise Him for the aid we have received from our Friends of other Yearly Meetings, for the education of girls in the Training Home.

We would thankfully record the gift of an interested Friend of Philadelphia Y. M., which enabled us to engage a resident physician at Ramallah.

The hearts of our own members have also been touched, and we have been much encouraged by the result of the system of the card subscriptions and mite boxes. Contributions have been received from different parts of the Yearly Meeting, even some of the very small meetings having willingly responded. We feel that this method of subscription is better calculated to diffuse an interest in this mission throughout the Yearly Meeting than the appointment of Monthly Meeting's Committees for the same object. And we have not only received assistance from members of our own society, but other Christians have also testified their interest in the missionary cause by their material aid.

The work at Ramallah is capable of great expansion, and requests are sent to us for new schools and teachers in the outlying villages which we are unable to grant for lack of means.

We earnestly hope that the coming year may bring an increase of funds that so we may be able to go with greater earnestness and possess the land which the Lord is ready to bestow upon us.

We recommend that this important concern be continued under the care of a Committee of the Yearly Meeting, and that an appropriation of $750 be made toward its support.

On behalf of the Committee.

HARRY WOOD, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Committee on Foreign Missions for New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, in account with William T. Hussey, Treasurer.

CONDENSED REPORT.

Receipts from all sources for the year, ...		$4,765 51
Disbursements, ...	$4,450 51	
Deposited balance in Strafford Savings Bank, . . .	315 00	
		$4,765 51

I have examined the itemized accounts and find them correct.

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Auditor.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 13th, 1891.

Collection in cash and pledges in open meeting for above, $300.

The Report was accepted, and is very satisfactory and encouraging to the Meeting. The Committee now under appointment is continued for service another year, with the addition of

Huldah H. Leighton in place of our late dear friend Augustus F. Cox.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Timothy B. Hussey, *Chairman*, North Berwick, Me.
Ruth S. Murray, *Rec. Sec.*, New Bedford, Mass.
Charles M. Jones, *Cor. Sec.*, South Portland, Me.
William T. Hussey, *Treas.*, North Berwick, Me.

Timothy B. Hussey,
Anna M. Hussey,
Anna G. Wood,
Charles M. Jones,
S. Caroline Tobey,
Mary Almy Chase,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Eli Jepson,
Harriet D. Collins,
William Thompson,
Susan T. Thompson,
Elizabeth K. Jones,
Addie F. Chace,
Silas H. Cartland,
Linwood W. Jones,
Phebe W. Sawtelle,
Ruth S. Murray,
Robert P. Gifford,
William T. Hussey,
Huldah H. Leighton,
Jennie E. Reynolds,
Olney T. Meader,
Martha Hoag,
Mary W. Jones,
John Henry Crosman,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Rufus M. Jones,
Sarah Marble,
Harry Wood,
Clara A. Mugford,
Alice C. Earle.

We adjourn to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY MORNING, THE 16TH.

The Meeting assembled in separate sessions, pursuant to adjournment.

39. We have at this time the company of James G. Merrill, D.D., with credentials as a Delegate from the General Conference of the Congregational churches in Maine. This fraternal recognition from these sister churches we appreciate as an added proof of Christian fellowship that cheers our hearts, and strengthens the bond of a common brotherhood in Jesus Christ. We appoint Augustine Jones a delegate to attend the above-named Conference in 1892, as the bearer of a message of Christian love from us; we also appoint Alfred H. Jones substitute.

40. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as presented in the Answers to the Queries. The answers are as follows, viz.: —

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

Answer 1. Our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held except forty-seven, and a few others not enumerated. Most of these were omitted on account of inclement weather. One Monthly Meeting reports no meeting in the middle of the week. Meetings on First-day are generally well attended. Most of the Quarterly Meetings report a very small attendance at the mid-week meetings. The hour is generally observed.

Ans. 2. With little exception love and unity are maintained and detraction guarded against. When differences appear care is taken to end them.

Ans. 3. Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and generally careful to train those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession. Some care, however, is needed in this respect.

Ans. 4. With few exceptions the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families, individually and collectively, and our children are encouraged in this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is not fully maintained.

Ans. 5. With twenty-three exceptions Friends are clear of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Amusements and diversions inconsistent with the Christian character, are avoided with little exception. Moderation is generally observed.

Ans. 6. Due attention is given to the several particulars of this query.

Ans. 7. With the exception of some cases of encouragement of, and participation in military drill in the public schools, reported by one Quarterly Meeting, we know of no violation of our testimony in military matters. A few cases of taking and administering oaths; no defrauding of the public revenue.

Ans. 8. The requirements of this query are generally observed.

Ans. 9. Not quite clear as to records. Some removals without certificates.

Ans. 10. The discipline is administered in most cases in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially.

MINUTE ON STATE OF SOCIETY.

The exercise of the meeting following the reading of the Queries and Answers found expression in valuable counsel from several of the Lord's servants. We were reminded that love for our temporal possessions should ever be second to our love of God. The things gathered, and the capacity to gather are alike His gifts. We should conduct our business, and render our accounts as in the sight of God, remembering that we are but stewards, and that it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful. Religious life is necessary, in order to religious conversation; our conversation *among men*, as well as in meeting, should be of a Christian character. We should talk in a way to carry religious life to those who hear us. Owe no man anything but love. Because God's love fills the heart we are under obligation to pay every man his due spiritually, as well as temporally. Growing out of our relations to God are debts due to our fellowmen. God gives us the means to pay these debts from the fullness of His love. We are to pay them by doing all that is required of us to our families, to our church associates, to the world.

There is spiritual bankruptcy going on around us, because we do not pay our debts. Many a wife is bankrupt for want of that which is due from her husband; many a child for want of that which is due from the parent; many a church member for want of that which is due from his associates, and especially from those who should be as spiritual fathers and mothers in the church. Husbands and wives, parents and children, associates in the Christian church should, in all their varied relations in life, keep near each other in sympathy and love, that they may converse freely of those things that relate to the glorious kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and be built up together on our most holy faith.

There is no happier thing in this life than to pay our spiritual debts. We were reminded that we owe a debt of love to our ministers, and that these, while ministering to our spiritual needs, should not be permitted to lack for temporal things.

True freedom in gospel ministry consists in not using the precious gift which came from God for the sake of money, or being hindered in its exercise from the want of it. We are affectionately counseled to be good to our young workers, who need our sympathy and help, that so the spiritual gifts conferred upon them may be developed under the blessing of God and the fostering care of the church.

A closing exhortation was from the words of the Psalmist. "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man; it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes."

41. The following Summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read, viz.: —

SUMMARY OF ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES FROM THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

Answer 1. With little exception, we are diligent in attending all our Meetings, and careful to promote the attendance of our families.

Ans. 2. We are in unity one with another, and with the Meetings to which we belong, and are favored to harmonize in our Christian labors, with some exception noticed from two Meetings.

Ans. 3. Friends are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

MINUTE OF MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We have been reminded at this time that Christ is the vine, and we are the branches, and that "Herein is our Father glorified that we bear much fruit." The vine bears the branch, but the branch bears the leaves and the fruit, and the nature of the fruit is in accordance with the nature of the vine in which the branch abides. Into Christ, the living vine, we must be engrafted, and then like Him we should go about our Father's business. We should not let Christian friendships become so delightful as to interfere with the Master's work, but should remember that "we are not our own, but are bought with a price," and should therefore "glorify God in our bodies, and in our spirits which are His," "letting our light so shine before men that others seeing our good works may glorify our Father who is in heaven." If we are harmoniously laboring together in gathering unto Christ, we should have joyous reports to present. The religion of our Lord will prevail, even in our cities, if we carry it as Paul carried it. We have no right to expect answers to prayer unless we are bearing fruit, as the Master tells us that His purpose in getting glory through our fruit bearing is "that our fruit may remain, that whatsoever we ask the Father in His name He may give it us." Power is promised us after the Holy Spirit comes upon us. We need the baptism of the Holy Ghost. "The fruit of the Spirit" in ourselves "is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, meekness, faith." If we have these things, they will of themselves be a great means of reaching out after souls.

We all have a part in the work of God; some in one way, and some in another; some minister publicly, others at home; some by words, others by the quiet example of a well ordered life. We all have some pastoral work — some feeding of the flock to do. Our gifts are all equally from the Master. Some He sends forth, saying, "Freely ye have received, freely give," but those who by His guidance stay at home are none the less in His service.

It is greatly to be desired that our subordinate Meetings on Ministry and Oversight realize this, and in their respective places attend with greater faithfulness to the Lord's work.

ALFRED H. JONES, *Clerk.*

The following constitutes the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, viz.: —

	Ministers	Elders	Associate Members	Total
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting,	22	35	43	100
Salem " "	13	33	21	67
Sandwich " "	14	17	35	66
Falmouth " "	18	29	17	64
Smithfield " "	10	28	13	51
Vassalboro " "	17	28	7	52
Dover " "	7	27	11	45
Fairfield " "	10	35	22	67
Parsonsfield " "	6	10	20	36
	117	242	189	548

42. The following Minute from the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight was received, viz.: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

We are informed through the Representatives of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight that that meeting is united in changing the time of holding said meeting at Providence in Second Month from 11 o'clock A.M. to 2 o'clock P.M., which this meeting approves and directs the Clerk to forward this information to the Yearly Meeting.

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in Portland, Me., Sixth Month 15th, 1891.

ALFRED H. JONES, *Clerk.*

This and the Women's Meeting unite in granting the request, and the change is accordingly made. The Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

43. The Representatives to whom was referred the proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting, report as follows, viz.: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Representatives to whom was referred the proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting, have considered the same, and now report that we recommend that the word "may" be substituted for "should" in the fifteenth line of page 100 of the Discipline.

OWEN DAME, *Clerk.*

Portland, Sixth Month 15th, 1891.

which is approved by this and the Women's Meeting, and the proposed change adopted.

44. The Committee to whom was referred the nomination of a Committee to have the care of Providence School the ensuing year, report as follows, viz.: —

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Charles F. Coffin,
George Howland, Jr.,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Richard Battey,
James H. Chace,
Thomas Chase,
Peter M. Neal,
Joshua L. Macomber,
Ellen K. Buffum,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Rachel S. Howland,
Anna G. Wood,
Deborah W. Crosman,
Elizabeth H. Austin,
Sarah F. Tobey,

Samuel Buffum,
Robert P. Gifford,
I. Warren Hawkes,
William O. Newhall,
Isaac Oscar Winslow,
Daniel C. Maxfield,
Charles A. Chace,
Olney T. Meader,
Charles Sisson,
William H. Varney,
Ellen Winslow,
Caroline C. Earle,
Deborah P. Atherton,
Lydia C. Neal,
Ruth S. Murray,
Alice W. Maxfield,
Anna M. Hussey,
Elizabeth H. Newhall,
Sarah Marble,
Susan Peckham.

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.

James H. Chace,
Olney T. Meader,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Robert P. Gifford,
Charles Sisson.

which is approved by the Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly.

45. The Committee also report the following named Friends to constitute a Committee on Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, etc., viz.: —

COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

Charles M. Bailey,
C. Irving Bailey,
Charles M. Jones,
Joseph E. Briggs,
John J. Frye,
George L. Crosman,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Frank E. Jones,
Alfred H. Jones,
Isaac O. Winslow,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Melvin M. Bailey,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Myra E. Frye,
Ruthanna H. Washburn,
S. Jane Cox,
Emma S. Briggs,
Mary E. Taber,
Sarah Marble,
Eliza P. Pierce,
Anna F. Hall,
Henry Winslow,
Mary G. Winslow.

TRUSTEES OF OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE FUNDS.

Charles M. Bailey,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Timothy B. Hussey.

TREASURER.

Joseph E. Briggs.

which is approved by the Meeting, and the Friends therein name are appointed to those positions respectively.

46. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting the ensuing year, which is approved, and they are accordingly appointed, viz. : —

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

Augustine Jones,
Charles A. Chace,
Phebe S. Aydelott,
Harriet D. Collins,
William O. Newhall,
Owen Dame,
Alice W. Maxfield,
Mary B. Swan,
Ruth S. Murray,
Susan F. Hoxie,
Anna G. Wood,
George Howland, Jr.,
John Hacker Hall,
Charles M. Jones,
Myra E. Frye,
S. Jane Cox,
Richard Battey,
D. Wheeler Swift,
Mary A. Battey,
Salome C. Wheeler,
Alfred H. Jones,
Eliza P. Pierce,
William A. Jones,
Elizabeth K. Jones,
Timothy B. Hussey,
William P. Tuttle,
Anna M. Hussey,
Emeline H. Tuttle,
Levi Jones,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Mary C. Hawkes,
John B. Cartland,
Eunice D. Cartland,
Silas H. Cartland,
Lydia A. Cartland,
Daniel C. Maxfield,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Charles F. Coffin,
Edward T. Tucker,
Ellen K. Buffum,
John B. Baylies,
David J. Douglas,
Isaac Steere,
Sarah J. Swift,
John J. Frye,
Reuben T. Jones,
Etta S. Cates,
Olney T. Meader.

47. The Committee appointed for that purpose nominate the following-named Friends for a Committee on Gospel Work the ensuing year, which is approved and is as follows, viz. : —

COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

David J. Douglas,
Harriet D. Collins,
Elizabeth T. Larkin,
Charles H. Atkins,
Elizabeth S. H. Wood,
William P. Macomber,
S. Jane Cox,
Henry F. Newell,
M. Augusta Battey,
Frank E. Jones,
James M. Estes,
Emeline H. Tuttle,
Joseph E. Briggs,
John B. Cartland,
Phebe L. Pope,
Julia A. Remick,
Ruth S. Murray,
Isaiah Douglas,

Salome C. Wheeler,	G. Mahlon Chace,
Oscar J. Morse,	Horace M. Hall,
Henry C. Aydelott,	Phebe S. Aydelott,

Harriet M. Philbrick.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

Gen'l Supt., David J. Douglas, Hallowell, Me.
Chairman, Henry C. Aydelott, 70 Rock St., Fall River, Mass.
Treasurer, Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Secretary, Elizabeth S. H. Wood, South Dartmouth, Mass.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents.

Rhode Island,	Harriet D. Collins, Hopkinton, R.I.
Salem,	Charles H. Atkins, Ocean St., Lynn, Mass.
Sandwich,	Ruth S. Murray, Grove St., New Bedford, Mass.
Falmouth,	Henry F. Newell, Brunswick, Me.
Smithfield,	Oscar J. Morse, Woonsocket, R.I.
Vassalboro,	James M. Estes, Vassalboro, Me.
Dover,	Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N.H.
Fairfield,	Harriet M. Philbrick, St. Albans, Me.
Parsonsfield,	John B. Cartland, North Sandwich, N.H.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

Afternoon — The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

48. The Committee to whom was referred the propositions from Indiana, Iowa and Kansas Yearly Meetings report as follows, viz. : —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS FROM INDIANA, IOWA AND KANSAS.

To the Yearly Meeting :

The Committee to whom was referred the propositions from Indiana, Kansas and Iowa Yearly Meetings have considered the same, and now report as follows :

1st. We recommend that the Yearly Meeting approve the action of Indiana Yearly Meeting in the establishment of Wilmington Yearly Meeting. The question of appointing a Committee to attend the opening of the same should be deferred until next year.

2d. We do not recommend the change of the corporate name of the Society of Friends to "Friends' Church."

3d. We think it would not be best for New England Yearly Meeting to appoint a Committee to act in the matter of a Conference of Yearly Meetings.

For the Committee,

OWEN DAME.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 16th, 1891.

which is approved and adopted by this and the Women's Meeting and the Clerk is directed to append our conclusion to the Epistles to be sent to those Meetings respectively.

49. We are united in granting the request of the Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Union so far as to receive their report and calendar and print them with our Minutes.

50. The Committee on Peace have presented their Annual Report, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee has met four times since its appointment. The call for a Convention on this subject at Richmond, Indiana, to which all the Yearly Meetings on this continent were requested to send delegates, was considered at our meeting in Providence, in the Eleventh Month, and being unable to send delegates, we addressed an epistle to the Convention which was duly presented and read.

The result of this Convention was a proposition for a union work by the Peace Committees of the various Yearly Meetings on this continent, in which each shall share in the direction of the work and the expense of its execution. At the suggestion of your Committee, suitable Peace Exercises were introduced into the Bible Schools and Meetings of the Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Unions at a majority of the sessions held Twelfth Month 22d, 1890, among our membership.

A Public Meeting on Peace was held on Seventh Day evening, the 13th instant, attended by a large and interested audience of the citizens of Portland, as well as members of our Society. The delegates from this Yearly Meeting to the Universal Peace Congress held in London Seventh Month last, reported that they attended, and gave a very interesting account of its proceedings, which they deemed calculated to give a great impetus to the cause of Peace in Europe; and stirring addresses were made by them and Thomas Chase, in which fresh and potent arguments in favor of Peace were presented. Our friends Richard S. Collins and Sarah W. Collins, of New York Yearly Meeting, who also attended the Congress, added their testimony to the interest and importance of its proceedings. The concern of this Yearly Meeting that the Congress should appoint persons to visit those in authority in the armed nations of Europe, found great favor in the Congress, and a Committee was appointed accordingly and a memorial drawn up for it to present to the heads of government of the civilized states of the world.

The Reports of the International Peace Congress held in London in Seventh Month last from your delegates — Augustine Jones, James H. Chace and Lucretia G. Chace will, we trust, stimulate all our membership to renewed interest in this cause and the practical phases of it that are being presented for the needs of the present time.

On behalf of the Committee.

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON,
SARAH J. SWIFT.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 16th, 1891.

The report is satisfactory to the Meeting and the Committee now under appointment with the addition of Hannah J. Bailey is continued for service another year.

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

Augustine Jones,
Thomas Wood,
James H. Chace,
Alfred H. Jones,
Thomas Chase,
John Metcalfe,
Wm. T. Hussey,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Sarah J. Swift,
M. Augusta Battey,
Caroline Alice Jones,
Lucretia G. Chace,
Mary R. Jones,
Hattie B. Metcalfe,
Hannah J. Bailey.

51. Epistles to Baltimore, North Carolina, Western, Iowa and Kansas Yearly Meetings were now read and approved. The Clerk was directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

52. The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools has now been read, and is as follows, viz. : —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Feeling encouraged over the work of the previous year, the Committee on Bible Schools started out hopeful in its endeavors to promote the interests and welfare of the schools under its care another year.

The first step was to try and introduce into the schools, Quarterlies edited by Friends.

Two thousand copies of a leaflet, containing in rhyme the Books of the Bible, were distributed among the schools, and with them the "Letter to the Children of New England Yearly Meeting," entrusted to this Committee for distribution.

There is no marked change in the reports that come up to us, from those of last year. It is impossible to make an accurate statistical report on account of the delinquency of about twenty schools, in sending in their reports.

We are sorry to have to report so few conversions, nearly every report placing the word "None" opposite the question that pertains to this. A noticeable exception is seen in the case of Winthrop, where eight conversions are reported.

It is gratifying to note that in most cases, an increase of interest is reported; also to note the good supply of interesting and healthful papers for the young.

The Quarterly Temperance Lesson is quite generally observed.

One school reports as a special need, "More of God's love in the heart, and more Holy Ghost power."

Other needs are as last year, for teachers, scholars, books. What is to be done in these cases?

Quite recently, our Treasurer has sent money to two, poor, needy Bible school libraries. This is in accord with our decision at the beginning of our year's work, that if we found that we could spare money for such cases, we would try to give help to needy libraries here and there.

A circular letter of advice and encouragement has been sent to the schools, and while it seems that little has been accomplished this year, yet we look up in thankfulness that we have had a little share in the Master's work, some part in the seed-sowing that may by-and-by yield abundant harvest. We have promise that the little shall be blessed, if done in His name.

May the dear Lord bless the children of New England Yearly Meeting, and make them good and brave for Him.

ANNA B. MACOMBER, *Secretary.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month, 1891.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In addition to the above report, the Committee wish to call the attention of Friends to the earnest, persevering and self-sacrificing labor of our friend Geo. A. Barton on behalf of the Home Study Bible School; and we feel it right to express in this report our high appreciation of his valuable efforts in this line of work. It is to be regretted that other duties will deprive us of his assistance as Principal another year, but we feel an earnest desire that some provision may be made by the new Committee whereby at least some of the work so carefully organized by him, may still be carried forward. In our opinion few more important lines of work have been begun for years among the Friends of New England, or that may become more fruitful in good results to us as a church, than those embodied in the courses of the Home Study Bible School.

During the past year our Chairman has visited several of the local schools, and three Quarterly Meeting Bible School Conferences. Your

Committee unanimously favor the appointment of a new Committee, and would recommend the same appropriation of money for their use as last year.

On behalf of the Committee,

WM. T. HUSSEY.

BIBLE SCHOOL WORK.

To the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Bible Schools:

Dear Friends: — During the past year, the work of the Home Study Bible School has gone on chiefly from the momentum acquired in previous years. The Principal has been too busy in other directions to write the letters he has written in previous years to stir up interest in the work. In consequence, only about half as many lesson papers have been corrected as were corrected last year. Many who had become interested in the study have, however, pushed bravely on and have done good work. During the year the following students have been graduated from the courses named:

Old Testament Course A.

Mrs. E. O. Sargent, Merrimac, Mass.
Anna Morris, Philadelphia, Pa.

New Testament Course.

Lucy P. Osborne, No. Weare, N. H.
Sarah D. Brown, Amesbury, Mass.
Mary Jane Newlin, Georgetown, Ill.
Elizabeth M. Hawkes, Manchester, Me.

During the year Thomas Chase, LL. D., Rufus M. Jones, A. M., and Thomas J. Battey, A.M., have assisted in the work, and I wish here to express my great appreciation of their ready and efficient co-operation in this labor of love.

In presenting this report it becomes my duty to inform the Committee that I do not see the way clear longer to continue this work, and that I herewith resign it into your hands. There are on hand a considerable number of lesson papers, and if the Committee appointed this year should consider the work of sufficient importance to secure a new organization under a new Principal, there is considerable pioneer work already done, of which he might reap the benefit. Should a new organization not be accomplished, I will continue with the students now entered in the school until their present courses are completed.

Sincerely your friend,

GEO. A. BARTON, *Principal.*

Boston, Sixth Month 3d, 1891.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

1890			
6 mo.	Unexpended balance from former Chairman	$5 78	
	From Vassalboro	2 00	
	Collection at Newport	16 60	
1891			
6 mo.	From Treasurer of Yearly Meeting	61 80	
			$86 18

EXPENDITURES.

1890			
6 mo.	Paid J. Rendell Harris for expense to Newport	$13 00	
7 mo.	Paid John Metcalfe for bill for printing	2 50	
	Paid Geo. A. Barton	16 60	
	Paid Geo. A. Barton bill for printing	10 25	
1891			
6 mo.	Paid Charles E. Peaslee for assistance to library at Gonic, N. H.	20 00	
	Paid Geo. B. Wing for library at Hallowell	20 00	
	Paid Secretary's bill	3 83	
			$86 18

The Report was accepted and the Meeting concluded to appoint a Committee to unite with a similar one from the Women's Meeting to present at our next sitting, the names of Friends to constitute a Bible School Committee the ensuing year.

53. The Committee on Temperance presented their Annual Report as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The reports that come from the Members of the Yearly Meeting's Temperance Committee show, that, while a few of its number have been kept from the work by sickness, absence from home, and various other circumstances, by far the greater number have been actively engaged in the cause for which they were appointed.

An unusual number of meetings have been held, many lectures given, large quantities of temperance literature distributed, public officials importuned for the enforcement of measures in the interests of Temperance, and faithful way-side service given in its behalf.

Some of our number have worked single-handed and alone under very discouraging circumstances, and feel that they have very little to report, but it is too early to judge of this matter. The little that has been done faithfully as to the Lord will have His blessing, and we know not how great may be the result.

A meeting of a very satisfactory character was held in First Month at Friends' Boarding School in Providence, under the auspices of the Committee, and was addressed by Ruth S. Murray and others.

The injurious effects of alcohol on the human system have been carefully and faithfully presented to the class in Physiology at the school, and the general sentiment is strongly against its use.

A very successful meeting has been held at Oak Grove under the care of the Committee, and addressed by Mrs. Gleason of Boston.

The 29th of Third Month, a Temperance Meeting was held in Boston, at the Bible School in place of the Quarterly Review. There were interesting exercises by the children, and a very practical and stirring address by the Hon. Mr. Johnson from the Temperance Bureau. Hand to hand work has been done with drunkards as way has opened, and endeavors used, with some success, to connect their children with the Sabbath School.

From the report of one of our number we learn that she has provided for eleven lectures, four of them at private expense, and in the same manner has secured the services of an elocutionist to give Temperance readings at three meetings in order to increase the public interest. She has written letters to those who sold and those who drank intoxicants, and to State officials asking them to enforce the law. These letters were, in a degree, effectual, and on account of these efforts, one private saloon-keeper is now lying in the county jail.

Another Friend reports that several young people from our membership have held Temperance gathering in a neighboring meeting, and that a lecture by one of the Committee had been delivered in that place. On two or three occasions, Temperance lessons have been taught in the Sabbath School by the teachers and Superintendent.

In Lawrence, four good Temperance Meetings have been held, and a decided stand taken by Friends who use both voice and vote against the liquor traffic.

A very interesting meeting, addressed by Volney B. Cushing of the State Temperance Committee, has been held in South China, and, it is thought, was productive of much good.

Several members report that they have worked conjointly with the W. C. T. U., of which organization they are also members.

From these various reports we see that Friends have not been unmindful of their duty to the young, although we have not so much distinctively juvenile work to report as usual.

The Superintendent of this department informs that she has addressed a circular letter to the Superintendents of Friends' Sabbath Schools throughout New England, urging upon them the necessity of forming Bands of Hope and the distribution of Temperance literature. The organization of a Loyal Legion is all that has been reported in response to this appeal.

The distribution of literature is still an important factor in our work, as the following report of the Superintendent of Literature will show.

Thirty-seven Sabbath School Libraries have been supplied with Temperance books; depots, public reading rooms, House of Correction, County-Farm and County Jail with tracts, and one hundred and twenty copies of Illustrated Papers for Young People (Friends Publication, Chicago) have been given out each month to the inmates of New Hampshire State Industrial School.

No. Volumes	180
No. Pages	90,643
No. Cards	649
No Triple Pledge Cards	125

Your Committee deeply feel the loss that the Temperance cause has sustained in the death of Augustus F. Cox, who, for fourteen consecutive years, was an active worker on this Committee. Intensely alive to the importance of the cause, he was original in his ideas, and in his methods of performing the work.

We recommend that this important work be continued under the care of a Committee, and that $200 be appropriated for their use.

Respectfully submitted,

M. AUGUSTA BATTEY, *Secretary.*

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE — TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Sam'l R. Buffinton, Treasurer		$200 00
Paid J. F. Chase, Superintendent of Literature	$80 73	
Paid E. T. Larkin for printing circulars and cards	7 46	
Paid Augustine Jones for prizes on temperance essays	10 10	
Paid Hannah J. Bailey for lecture at Oak Grove Seminary	10 00	
Expenses of workers	38 70	
Paid E. T. Larkin for literature	6 00	
Paid M. Augusta Battey for express on temperance literature	60	
Expense of Public Temperance Meeting at Portland	15 00	
Paid for literature for Lina Lunt to use in her work	5 00	
Paid for literature for Chas. W. Goddard to use in his work	5 00	
Paid for literature for David Sampson to use in his work	10 00	
Paid for literature for Arthur Swift to use in his work in Jamaica	5 00	
Paid for literature for temperance book for Oak Grove Seminary	6 41	
		$200 00

FRANK E. JONES, *Treasurer.*

which is satisfactory and encouraging to the Meeting. The Committee now under appointment with substitution of Lewis M. Douglas in place of Augustus F. Cox, deceased, George A. Crosman in place of George A. Barton, Elisha T. Reed in place of Oscar J. Morse, L. Maria Jones in place of Lina B. Lunt, Wm. Jacob released at his own request, and the addition of Lucy A. Snow is continued for service another year.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Organization.

RUFUS M. JONES, *Chairman.*
M. AUGUSTA BATTEY, *Secretary.*
SAMUEL BUFFUM, *Treasurer.*
ELLEN C. JONES, *Supt. of Juvenile Work.*
JOHN F. CHASE, *Supt. of Literature.*

Executive Committee.

Rufus M. Jones,
Augustine Jones,
Elizabeth T. Larkin,
John F. Chase,
Hannah J. Bailey,
M. Augusta Battey.

Rhode Island.

Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.
M. Augusta Battey, 109 Lippitt St., Providence, R. I.
Anna B. Macomber, Portsmouth, R. I.

Salem.

John F. Chase, Manchester, N. H.
Elizabeth T. Larkin, Box 4, Peabody, Mass.
William Wood, 100 Newbury St., Lawrence, Mass.
Alice W. Maxfield, Amesbury, Mass.
Geo. A. Crosman, Lynn, Mass.

Sandwich.

Joshua L. Macomber, Mattapoisett, Mass.
Hannah R. Gifford, Westport Point, Mass.
Mary C. Baylies, New Bedford, Mass.
Gideon Wood, New Bedford, Mass.

Smithfield.

Abigail Wheeler, Northbridge, Mass.
Jennie Allyne, 68 Warrenton St., Boston, Mass.
Adelaide Wheeler, Bolton, Mass.
Elisha T. Reed, Woonsocket, R. I.
Samuel Wheeler, Bolton, Mass.

Falmouth.

Lewis M. Douglas.
Ellen C. Jones, 31½ Exchange St., Portland, Me.
L. Maria Jones, Windham, Me.
Lucy A. Snow, South Windham, Me.

Vassalboro.

Frank E. Jones, So. China, Me.
Elizabeth K. Jones, So. China, Me.
Rufus M. Jones, Vassalboro, Me.
Eliza P. Pierce, East Vassalboro, Me.

Dover.

William T. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle,, Dover, N. H.
Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.

Fairfield.

Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Martha B. Osborne, Manchester, Me.
I. Warren Hawkes, Manchester, Me.
Geo. B. Wing, No. Fairfield, Me.

Parsonsfield.

Lydia A. Cartland, E. Parsonsfield, Me.
Elizabeth H. Cobb, E. Parsonsfield, Me.
James Cartland, E. Parsonsfield, Me.

54. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting conclude to have the Minutes of both Meetings printed ; and the Clerks are directed to cause an edition of two thousand two hundred copies to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions, and Owen Dame and John Ellwood Paige are appointed to advise with them in the accomplishment of the work.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING THE 17TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

55. The Committee appointed for that purpose propose the following named Friends to constitute a Committee on Bible

Schools the ensuing year, which is approved by the Meeting, and is as follows, viz. :—

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Lewis M. Douglas, Chairman.
George L. Crosman, General Superintendent.
C. Irving Bailey, Treasurer.
Anna J. Goddard, Secretary.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents.

Rhode Island,	Herbert A. Skinner.
Salem,	Martha Hoag.
Sandwich,	Henry A. Slocum.
Falmouth,	Lewis M. Douglas.
Smithfield,	Elisha T. Read.
Vassalboro,	Rufus M. Jones.
Dover,	William T. Hussey.
Fairfield,	C. Irving Bailey.
Parsonsfield,	Melissa S. Dearborn.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Thomas J. Battey, 109 Lippitt, St., Providence, R. I.
Anna B. Macomber, Portsmouth, R. I.
Herbert A. Skinner, 35 Durfee St., Fall River, Mass.
George L. Crosman, Saco, Me.
Martha Hoag, 12 Sunderland St., Roxbury, Mass.
Sarah D. Brown, 22 Highland St., Amesbury, Mass.
Lavina G. Huntington, Henniker, N. H.
Sarah Taber, County St., New Bedford, Mass.
Henry A. Slocum, Dartmouth, Mass.
George R. Wood, New Bedford, Mass.
Lewis M. Douglas, Portland, Me.
Alvano C. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.
Anna J. Goddard, 97 Winter St., Portland, Me.
Elisha T. Reed, Woonsocket, R. I.
John Metcalfe, Woonsocket, R. I.
Sarah D. Swift, 22 Oak Ave., Worcester, Mass.
Rufus M. Jones, Vassalboro, Me.
Abbie P. Jenkins, East Vassalboro, Me.
Frank E. Jones, South China, Me.
William T. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
Almira B. Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
William P. Jenkins, Dover, N. H.
C. Irving Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Lizzie M. Hawkes, Manchester, Me.
Sarah E. Shepherd, Sidney Centre, Me.
Thomas W. Hoag, North Sandwich, N. H.
Melissa S. Dearborn, East Parsonsfield, Me.

56. The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, have presented a Report which has been read, and is as follows, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The recent occurrences among the Sioux Indians in the Northwest, culminating with the sad massacre at Wounded Knee, have directed public attention anew to the Indian question. It is evident there exists in the minds of the thoughtful people in the land, a deep interest in the matter, and a growing conviction that something must be done, more effective, if possible, for the welfare of the Indians than Government has been able to do.

The people of this country, during the past hundred years, have spent enormous sums of money in Indian wars. These wars have greatly hindered the civilization of the Indians, and wrought incalculable disaster among them. The circumstances surrounding the Indians are aggravating in the extreme, and unless they are at once assisted in the development of the resources of the lands upon which they are compelled to live, they will be confronted more and more with the dread spectre of hunger, and we, with that of war.

The most perplexing element in the Indian problem, is not the Indian, but the white man. The white man furnishes the Indian with arms and ammunition; the white man provides whiskey; the white man encroaches upon his reservation, defrauds him of his property, invades the sanctity of his home, and treats him with such contempt that he is thus prepared to avenge his wrong. As "wards of the nation," government seeks to civilize them by natural means, but the Indians are very superstitious, and in order to turn their attention to successful civilization, they must have those among them who believe in the existence of a loving God, and by His help teach them the true religion of the Son of God. When this is gained, civilization easily follows. Almost all the churches are enlarging their mission work among Indians, and there is abundant encouragement for Friends to extend their efforts. Dr. Kirk has continued to act as Superintendent of our work in Indian Territory, and reports meetings held more or less regularly on First days at twenty-one places, and at eight of these places there have been mid-week meetings also. The total membership at last report was five hundred and seventy-five, of whom three hundred and fifty were Indians. There have been ten Bible schools maintained, with an enrollment of three hundred and twenty-five, and an average attendance of two hundred and fifty, of whom sixty-nine cannot speak English. In the report of Grand River Monthly Meeting, we find much to encourage us. Three members have been added to the Modoc meeting, and the average attendance in the Bible school is seventy-five. A large attendance in view of the fact that of those enrolled, twenty cannot speak English. A lot of six acres has been set apart for Friends' school and meeting purposes. Arizona Jackson (a native) is teaching the day school. The meeting-house at the Ottawas, for which money was raised two years ago, has been completed, and as a result, the average attendance at this meeting has been eighty-two the past year. Meetings are now held with the Peorias and the Miamies, and the Gospel is bearing fruit among them, as it does elsewhere. During a series of meetings, several of the Quapaws professed conversion, and eight of them applied for membership.

C. W. Goddard has been laboring the past year among the Senecas, and his devotion to the work has been blessed. He has built a small house, cleared and cultivated several acres of land, set out fruit trees, etc., on the land allotted Friends for missionary purposes. Since white people took lands in Oklahoma, Shawneetown Monthly Meeting has been severely tested. The white man's greed did not stop there, but has reached out to all the surrounding country. Dr. Kirk, in pleading for another helper in that Monthly Meeting, says: "Murder and violence have been so common in regions of country around Shawneetown that it is dangerous to be out at night, yet the meetings have been kept up, and there are abundant evidences that the work of the Lord is prospered and advancing among them." The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is three thousand five hundred dollars. We recommend that five hundred and twenty-five dollars be appropriated as our quota of this sum. We ask also that the treasury of our own Committee be replenished, not only by a collection in our Yearly Meeting, but also by efforts to be made in all our Monthly Meetings.

On behalf of the Committee,

MYRA E. FRYE, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Committee on Western Indians in acct. with SAMUEL BUFFUM, Treasurer.

1890	Cr.	
6 mo. 20.	Received from former Treasurer (balance)	$ 94
6 mo. 20.	Received collection in Women's Yearly Meeting at Newport	63 01
6 mo. 20.	Received collection in Men's Yearly Meeting at Newport	94 21
7 mo. 18.	Received from Providence Bible School by R. P. Gifford	3 70
8 mo. 12.	Received from a Friend in Providence .	1 00
8 mo. 23.	Received collection at North Berwick (at Quarterly Meeting)	13 07
8 mo. 23.	Received from a Member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	100 00
	Amount carried forward,	$275 93

	Amount brought forward,	$275 93
9 mo. 30.	Received collection in Winthrop Monthly Meeting by O. M. Tuttle	22. 25
10 mo. 27.	Received from Friends in Dover Monthly Meeting by E. H. Tuttle	24 00
12 mo. 15.	Received collection in Falmouth Monthly Meeting, Maine, by Maria Bean	19 10
12 mo. 19.	Received collection in Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Mass., by Joseph Ewer	25 00
1891		
3 mo. 2.	Received from Friends in Worcester, Mass., by Sarah J. Swift	45 00
3 mo. 2.	Received collection by Ellen K. Buffum for purchase of sewing machine	13 00
3 mo. 9.	Received contribution of three Friends in Amesbury, Mass., by A. W. Maxfield	20 00
3 mo. 14.	Received collection in R. I. Monthly Meeting by Anna B. Macomber	12 35
4 mo. 2.	Received collection in Amesbury, Mass., by Martha E. Swett	1 00
4 mo. 7.	Received collection in Northbridge Prep. Meeting by Salome C. Wheeler	11 00
4 mo. 10.	Received from a Member of R. I. Monthly Meeting	5 00
4 mo. 13.	Received collection in Westport Monthly Meeting by Mary S. Macomber	9 00
4 mo. 20.	Received collection in Unity Monthly Meeting by Etta M. Varney	2 00
4 mo. 23.	Received collection in Westport Meeting by Jane G. Fisher	5 00
4 mo. 29.	Received collection in Swansea Monthly Meeting by Benjamin A. Chace	14 00
4 mo. 30.	Received collection in Weare Monthly Meeting by Lindley H. Osborne	25 00
4 mo. 30.	Received from Friends in North Berwick	16 00
5 mo. 2.	Received from Providence Monthly Meeting by R. P. Gifford	20 00
5 mo. 4.	Received from North Sandwich, N. H., by J. S. Remick	5 00
5 mo. 7.	Received from Parsonsfield by Phebe L. Pope	3 00
5 mo. 11.	Received from Elvira M. Perry	2 00
5 mo. 21.	Received from New Bedford Monthly Meeting by Gideon Wood	104 50
	Amount carried forward,	$679 03

	Amount brought forward,	$679 03	
5 mo. 27.	Received from Casco, Maine, by Ellen F. Maxfield	4 00	
6 mo. 3.	Received from Boston Monthly Meeting by John H. Meader	16 00	
6 mo. 5.	Received from Allen's Neck Bible School by Hannah G. Sherman	8 00	
			$707 03
1890	DR.		
6 mo. 21.	Paid expenses of two Members of Associated Executive Committee to Marion, Indiana	$110 00	
8 mo. 22.	Paid Charles W. Kirk on account of purchase of Wyandotte Mission Property	150 00	
10 mo. 23.	Paid for books sent to Elizabeth Test	5 00	
1891			
3 mo. 6.	Paid Charles W. Goddard for purchase of sewing machine	22 00	
4 mo. 6.	Paid Charles S. Taylor, Treasurer for support of C. W. Goddard	150 00	
5 mo. 21.	Paid Charles W. Kirk on account of purchase of Wyandotte Mission Property	100 00	
5 mo. 10.	Paid Charles S. Taylor, Treasurer for support of C. W. Goddard to Seventh Month, 1st	54 00	
			$591 00
6 mo. 13	Appropriated by the Committee for Building Fund	$116 03	
			$707 03

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 13th, 1891.

Audited and found correct.

For the Committee.

SUSAN H. MEADER.

NAMES OF INDIAN COMMITTEE.

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Chairman.*
MYRA E. FRYE, *Secretary.*
SAMUEL BUFFUM, *Treasurer.*

MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

William O. Newhall,
Augustine Jones,
Emeline H. Tuttle,
Myra E. Frye.

COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

William O. Newhall, Lynn, Mass.
Ellen K. Buffum, 87 Cook St., Providence, R.I.
Augustine Jones, Friends' School, Providence, R.I.
John J. Frye, Woodfords, Me.
Myra E. Frye, Woodfords, Me.
Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Asa C. Tuttle, Dover, N.H.
Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N.H.
Anna M. Gove, Seabrook, N.H.
Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Elwood G. Macomber, Portsmouth, R.I.
Abbie E. Gifford, Fall River, Mass.
Arthur W. Jones, South China, Me.
Emma S. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Leslie Meader, Tamworth, N.H.
Joseph D. Wood, Boston, Mass.
Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
Sarah Osborne, Woonsocket, R.I.
Emily S. Weeks, Vassalboro, Me.
Ella L. Andrews, Lincoln House, Lewiston, Me.
Maria Winslow, St. Albans, Me.
Mary D. Collins, Hopkinton, R.I.
Edward T. Tucker, New Bedford, Mass.
Susan H. Meader, Boston, Mass.
Almira B. Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
Sarah J. Swift, Worcester, Mass.
Sarah Marble, Woonsocket, R.I.
Mary W. Jones, Newport, R.I.

57. The Committee appointed as per Minute 51 of last year's Minutes, report as follows, viz.: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee under appointment by Minute No. 51 of last year recognize the need of a system in Christian giving, which will not only aid our members in the discharge of duty, but encourage every one in freedom of conscience to be active in ways of Christian benevolence. We believe there are many among us who may be sharers of blessings not yet known, when quickened as we can be by the Gospel teaching that "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver." The Mosaic standards relating to tithes and offerings for the Lord's work were not lost sight of by the early Christian church. Rather did the old system of giving receive a new impulse when brought under the power of that sacrifice which was the "offering of Himself once for all."

The Committee have considered the language of our Discipline relating to the collection of funds, also the present method of apportionment which has been in practice. We believe it best to recommend for the future that our present discipline and practice shall only apply to the raising of funds necessary to defray the expenses of meetings, and the discharge of obligations already assumed, consisting of the Oak Grove note and our agreement with the Associated Committee on Indian Affairs. For raising all other funds in aid of the charitable and benevolent objects under the care of the Yearly Meeting, we propose the following: —

In each Monthly Meeting a Committee on Finance, representing each Preparative Meeting, shall be appointed at the time when the Yearly Meeting's official communication is received from the Quarterly Meeting; said Committee to assist the Monthly Meeting's Treasurer in the apportionment of expenses and collection of all funds which may be solicited; also for each Preparative Meeting wherever necessary; one member of said Committee whom the Treasurer may designate, shall assist in the care of receipts and disbursements connected with said Preparative Meeting.

The Yearly Meeting's Committee of Finance should annually issue a circular letter to our members, containing information of the several amounts which are called for to be raised by voluntary subscription; these amounts having been specified in the annual reports to the Yearly Meeting by the respective Committees.

The circular letter may also contain such other items of interest or advice as may appear in the Yearly Meeting's Minutes relating to finances, and be issued in such form as to be adapted to the use of each Monthly Meeting's Committee on Finance. These circulars, together with subscription envelopes adapted for monthly contributions from our members (and others who may desire to aid in our mission work), shall be forwarded in their respective proportions to each Monthly Meeting for distribution by the Finance Committees. These subscription envelopes should express, in printed form, a full list of the objects for which funds are desired, with suitable space for figures to indicate the sum intended for the respective items, as the donor may choose when the money is inclosed. The item called "Meeting Expenses" on these envelopes may be paid in amount annually, if preferred by the donor, the total of said item for the year as apportioned by the Finance Committee in each Monthly Meeting, having been indicated by the Treasurer thereof in a blank reserved for the purpose in the Yearly Meeting circular. The amount given for the item called "General Fund" may be distributed for such objects as the Finance Committee of each Monthly Meeting may decide. This system of monthly contributions as provided by the Yearly Meeting need not prevent the practice of weekly offerings in any meeting when it is provided for by the Finance Committee of the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting's Treasurer should be furnished by the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance with the initial book of entry for keeping the accounts under this system. All funds collected for purposes other than meeting expenses should be forwarded by the Monthly Meeting's Treasurer direct to the Treasurer of the respective Yearly Meeting's Committee having in care the object for which the money was specifically given, and these remittances shall be made at least quarterly, or oftener, as may best suit the needs of the working committee.

In submitting this report the Committee feel the importance of this whole subject of Christian giving, and of its being brought before our members throughout our Yearly Meeting, that all may understand their duties and privileges in relation to it.

We would propose that the Yearly Meeting appoint a committee of two from each Quarterly Meeting who shall have the care of this subject the ensuing year, with the privilege of drawing on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars if needed. Also that in each Monthly Meeting one or more meetings be held for the purpose of instruction by essays, recitations or readings, relating to this important department of Christian service.

I. WARREN HAWKES, *Clerk of the Committee.*

which is accepted and adopted by the Meeting, and the same Committee, with the substitution of Henry F. Newell in place of Augustus F. Cox, is continued, to whom the further care of this subject is committed in accordance with the suggestion contained in the report, viz. : —

Phebe S. Aydelott,
Robert P. Gifford,
Owen Dame,
Anna M. Gove,
Edward T. Tucker,
Susan F. Hoxie,
Henry F. Newell,
Lucy R. Goddard,
Isaac Steere,
Abigail Wheeler,
William H. Cates,
Etta S. Cates,
William P. Tuttle,
Almira B. Buffum,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Silas H. Cartland,
Julia A. Remick.

58. The Committee on Education have presented their Report, as follows, viz. : —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

We are gratified to report that the practical work of past years is showing favorably in the interest of parents and caretakers manifest, and their appreciation of boarding schools, where their children can more effectively and uninterruptedly pursue their studies with educators of large experience and better facilities than the public school affords.

We thankfully inform that all members of our society applying for admission on the fund at Providence last year were received. That this favor can be repeated next year is not certain, as funds may not be sufficient, but such a statement is encouraging.

Oak Grove school has, through its generous supporters, aided some worthy pupils, who tell us they wish they could return and complete the course.

Committee having care of Windham Monthly Meeting School Fund, report that the fund is accumulating, as the town supports two terms of free high school.

We observe greater interest on educational lines in neighborhoods where we have located membership. Friends' children are reported as more punctual in attendance than some of their neighbor's children.

We had an able address by Rufus M. Jones, and a convincing short address by Thomas Chase at our public meeting Sixth Month 16th, 1891.

We recommend the appointment of a Committee for service this year, and ask for an appropriation of one hundred dollars for its use.

On behalf of the Committee,

AUGUSTINE JONES,
ANNA F. HALL.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 17th, 1891.

The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and the same Committee continued for service another year.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Augustine Jones,
Caroline Jones, of Deering, Me.
Anna F. Hall,
Rufus M. Jones,
Ruthanna H. Washburn,
Myra E. Frye,
John Ellwood Paige,
Phebe W. Sawtelle,
Ruth S. Murray,
Gertrude W. Cartland,
Sarah Marble,
Wilmot R. Jones.

59. The Representatives from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, propose Wm. P. Macomber—Falmouth Quarterly Meeting proposes John Hacker Hall, and Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting proposes John B. Cartland to serve on the Finance Committee this year, which is approved by the Meeting.

Adjourned to meet at 3.30 this afternoon in separate sessions.

Afternoon the Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

60. Epistles to London, Ireland, New York, Ohio, Indiana and Canada Yearly Meetings, also a Joint Epistle to the Monthly Meeting at Ramallah, Palestine, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

61. The Committee appointed for that purpose propose the following returning Minute for Edward G. Wood, viz.: —"Edward G. Wood acceptably attended this Meeting" and similar ones for David E. and Emma Sampson, Calvin W. Prichard, John Y. and Mary J. Hoover, Pliny and Mary C. Fry and Elias Jessup. The Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

62. The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, etc., have attended to their appointment, and report as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$2,093 47	
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	960 00	
Salem Quarterly Meeting	700 00	
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting	800 00	
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting	320 00	
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting	240 00	
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting	220 00	
Dover Quarterly Meeting	200 00	
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting	480 00	
Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting	80 00	
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, balance of 1889 stock	260 00	
Books of Discipline sold	9 00	
Young Friends' C. F. Union	10 00	
Loans	1,500 00	
Dividends and interest	84 24	
Endowment Fund Account of Oak Grove Seminary	25 00	
		$7,981 71

PAYMENTS.

Expenses of Yearly Meeting at Newport, 1890	$ 402 63
Insurance and Repairs of Meeting-house at Newport	174 75
Massasoit Bank for box rent	5 00
Printing, recording, etc.	465 14
Amount brought forward,	$1,047 52

Amount brought forward,	$1,047 52	
Loan	1,500 00	
Interest	189 87	
On Note to Oak Grove Seminary	59 00	
Incidentals	7 18	
Asso. Ex. Com. Western Indians	525 00	
Bible School Committee	61 80	
Foreign Mission Committee	750 00	
Freedmen's Committee	500 00	
Gospel Work Committee	300 00	
Temperance Committee	198 13	
Aid to a Friend from the British Provinces	100 00	
Insurance on Maryville, Tenn., buildings	229 00	
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	2,514 21	
		$7,981 71

INCOME OF BOSTON MEETING-HOUSE FUND.

Balance from last year	$1,765 85	
Received for coupons	450 00	
Received for interest Savings banks	75 62	
		$2,291 47

PAYMENTS.

Wesleyan Hall Association	$ 262 50	
Boston Preparative Meeting for rent	70 00	
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	1,958 97	
		$2,291 47

We recommend that the sum of two thousand ($2,000) dollars be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting, and we nominate Samuel R. Buffinton for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and James H. Chace for Treasurer of the Providence School Funds.

For the Committee,

OWEN DAME, *Clerk.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 17th, 1891.

63. The Report is accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of two thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and Samuel R. Buffinton is appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and James H. Chace Treasurer of the Providence School Funds. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum proposed; and this Meeting also directs that it be paid into the Treasury on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

64. The Committee on Finance report as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Finance recommend that the following appropriations be made from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting:

For Associated Committee on Western Indians	$525 00	
For Principal and Interest on Oak Grove Note	500 00	
For Aid to a Friend from the British Provinces	100 00	
		$1,125 00

For the Committee,

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON.

Portland, Sixth Month 17th, 1891.

The Report is accepted and adopted, and the Treasurer of this Meeting is authorized and directed to pay the several sums specified in the report.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Rhode Island,	Samuel R. Buffinton.
Salem,	Owen Dame.
Sandwich,	George Howland, Jr
Falmouth,	John Hacker Hall.
Smithfield,	Richard Battey.
Vassalboro,	William A. Jones.
Dover,	Timothy B. Hussey.
Fairfield,	Levi Jones.
Parsonsfield,	Silas H. Cartland.

65. The Representatives report as follows upon the several subjects referred to them for their consideration, viz.: —

REPORT FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES.

We recommend that no action be taken at this time respecting a new apportionment of Yearly Meeting stock.

We recommend that the requests from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, and from Dover Quarterly Meeting, be referred to a Committee with instructions to report at this Meeting next year.

The proposition in relation to the building of a Yearly Meeting-house in a central locality, we recommend it be referred to the Representative Meeting.

For the Representatives,

OWEN DAME, *Clerk.*

Which is satisfactory to this and the Women's Meeting, and we conclude to appoint our Friends, Robert P. Gifford, Albert C.

Hill, Gideon Wood, John J. Frye, Isaac Steere, James H. Cook, Wm. P. Tuttle, I. Warren Hawkes, Silas H. Cartland, Susan Peckham, Deborah W. Crosman, Ruth S. Murray, Emma Douglas, Deborah P. Atherton, Sarah E. Varney, Almira B. Buffum, Lizzie M. Hawkes and Phebe L. Pope a Committee to take the subjects from Vassalboro and Dover Quarterly Meetings into careful consideration and report to this Meeting next year. We refer the last-named subject to the Representative Meeting.

66. Supplementary Minute from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting.

INFORMATION FROM VASSALBORO QUARTERLY MEETING.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We report the establishment of a new Monthly Meeting, in Seventh Month last, at Maple Grove, in Aroostook County, Maine, to be held on the first Seventh-Day in each Month. From the Minutes of Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting.

RUFUS M. JONES, *Clerk.*

67. We appoint the following Committee to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, which now are or may then be under appointment, viz.: —

Charles M. Jones,
David J. Douglas,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Thomas Wood,
Oscar J. Morse,
Robert P. Gifford,
William T. Hussey,
Myra E. Frye,
Sarah J. Swift,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Susan Peckham.

68. This Meeting desires to express its grateful appreciation of the kindness extended to us by the First Baptist Society of this city in offering the use of its place of worship for the holding of our Annual Assembly this year. We direct our Clerk to send to said Society a copy of this Minute, signed on our behalf — Women Friends concurring.

69. Having been privileged to meet once more in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, we have renewedly realized our dependence upon the Great Head of the Church — who hath promised to be with His people alway — "even to the end of the world." An

earnest desire has been manifest from the first session to the last that we might also realize our responsibility both to God and our fellow men. We now separate with the prayerful desire that impressions made and resolutions formed, may be permanent, that we may be "fruitful in every good work, increasing in the knowledge of God," proposing to meet again at the usual time next year, at Newport, R.I., if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

NOTE. — The Correspondents of New England Yearly Meeting are: —
GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., New Bedford, Mass.
JOSEPH CARTLAND, Newburyport, Mass.

COMMITTEE ON AID TO A FRIEND FROM THE BRITISH PROVINCES.

Alfred H. Jones,
William H. Beale,
Hannah J. Bailey.

TREASURER OF FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Robert P. Gifford.

MINUTES

OF

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1891.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, commencing Sixth Month 12th, 1891.

By accounts received from our several Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.: —

FROM RHODE ISLAND — Phebe S. Aydelott, Louisa N. Meader, Electa J. Collins, Harriet D. Collins, Rachel P. Chace, Cynthia J. Earle, Catharine Green, Sarah E. Buffinton, Anna B. Macomber, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Sarah P. Hanson and Ellen M. Atwater.

FROM SALEM — Gertrude W. Cartland, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Sarah A. Hill, Mary J. Rogers, Alice W. Maxfield, Susan H. Meader, Alice W. Hawkes, Martha C. Jepson, Eliza A. Jones, Elizabeth H. Newhall and Mary Alice Brown.

FROM SANDWICH — Rachel S. Howland, Rebecca D. Ewer, Mary Haffard, Harriet S. Davis, Ruth S. Murray, Alice R. Howland, Susan S. Tripp, Susan F. Hoxie, Lydia B. Dillingham, Anna G. Wood, Lydia Gifford and Olive D. Howland.

FROM FALMOUTH — Ellen F. Maxfield, Anna J. Goddard, Emma A. Douglas, Emma M. Newell, Caroline Jones, Phebe R. Cartland, S. Jane Cox, Sarah W. J. McLellan, Mary A. Maxfield, Myra E. Frye and Ellen C. Jones.

FROM SMITHFIELD — Salome C. Wheeler, Susan Ann Gifford, Mary A. Battey, Maria Aldrich, Lydia A. Phelps, Abigail Wheeler, Susan E. Wheeler, Deborah P. Atherton and Avis B. Steere.

FROM VASSALBORO — Etta S. Cates, Peace Jones, Helen M. Jones, Hannah T. Jenkins, Elizabeth K .Jones, Mary R. Jones and Eliza P. Pierce.

FROM DOVER — Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Lydia E. Jenkins, Anna M. Hussey, Almira B. Buffum, Emeline H. Tuttle, Huldah S. Buffum, Almena B. Nutter and Anna M. Evans.

FROM FAIRFIELD — Hannah J. Bailey, Mary G. Winslow, Hattie M. Philbrick, Lizzie A. Church, Lizzie M. Hawkes and Martha B. Osborne.

FROM PARSONSFIELD — Mary D. Goddard, Jane H. V. Durgin, Eunice D. Cartland, Lydia A. Cartland, Phebe L. Pope and Julia A. Remick.

The names of the Representatives being called, sixty-eight responded, for the absence of eight sufficient reasons were assigned.

The Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings have been read, and a summary of the changes which have occurred within their limits will be presented at a future sitting.

These reports gave an account of many loved Friends, who, during the past year have been called from works to rewards. We have desired that their falling mantles might be caught up by those that remain, that so the work of the Lord might be carried on to His glory.

Loving and tender greetings from our dear sisters of Dublin and Canada Yearly Meetings, and a joint epistle from New York Yearly Meeting have been read. We defer the reading of the remainder until the afternoon session.

The following named Friends are appointed to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence, viz.:— Ellen K. Buffum, Sarah J. Hanson, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Susan Ann Gifford, Abigail Wheeler, Susan S. Tripp, Myra E. Frye, Etta S. Cates, Rachel S. Howland, Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Lydia A. Cartland and Martha B. Osborne.

We appoint our Friends Rebecca D. Ewer, Ellen K. Buffum, Salome C. Wheeler, Eliza P. Pierce, Susan H. Meader, Sophia D. Bailey, Anna M. Hussey, Lucy R. Goddard and Gertrude

W. Cartland, to prepare a Summary of the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings and present it to a future session.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the close of this Meeting and propose to our afternoon session the name of a Friend for Clerk, and also the names of two for Assistant Clerks of this Meeting.

At this our opening session, we can thankfully acknowledge that the spirit of grace and supplication has been graciously poured upon us, which we reverently accept as a token for good.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — Met according to adjournment.

Gertrude W. Cartland on behalf of the Representatives informed this Meeting that they had conferred together and were united in proposing Anna G. Wood for Clerk, and Ruth S. Murray and Deborah P. Atherton for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being severally considered were approved, and they were appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

We have the acceptable company of the following-named Friends, with Minutes of unity and concurrence from the Meetings to which they belong, viz.: Edward G. Wood, from New York Yearly Meeting; David E. Sampson, from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Calvin W. Pritchard, from Western Yearly Meeting; John Y. Hoover, his wife Mary J. Hoover and Pliny Fry, from Iowa Yearly Meeting, and Elias Jessup, from Kansas Yearly Meeting.

The company of our Friends Emma Sampson, an elder, companion to her husband, David E. Sampson, and Mary C. Fry, companion to her husband, Pliny Fry, has also been acceptable to us.

The remainder of the epistles addressed to this Meeting, one from the Yearly Meeting of Ohio, and others from our sisters of Baltimore, Indiana, Western, Iowa and Kansas have been read and are acceptable to us. An epistle from North Carolina was forwarded, but failed to reach us.

Mary B. Swan, Emeline H. Tuttle, Susan Peckham, Alice W. Maxfield, Myra E. Frye and Cynthia J. Earle, are appointed to unite with a similar Committee from the Men's Meeting, to prepare as way opens returning Minutes for those in attendance of this Meeting with certificates, and present them at a future session.

Propositions from Indiana, Iowa and Kansas Yearly Meetings, appended to epistles received from those Meetings, are referred to the consideration of the following-named Friends, in conjunction with a similar committee from the Men's Meeting, viz.: Hannah J. Bailey, Cynthia J. Earle, Gertrude W. Cartland, Mary Alice Brown, Ellen K. Buffum, Mary C. Jones, Phebe C. Aydelott, Lydia E. Sawyer, Phebe R. Gifford, Anna M. Hussey and Lydia C. Neal.

Feeling that it is desirable that correct reports of our Meetings should appear in the daily journals, we appoint our friend Alice W. Maxfield, to exercise the necessary care over the reporters in this respect.

We adjourn to meet at ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

SEVENTH-DAY MORNING THE 13TH. — Met near 10 o'clock.

A summary of the changes that have occurred in our Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, has been presented and read. [*See* p. 5.]

Our dear friends David E. Sampson and wife from North Carolina, who are with us with certificates for service, are unexpectedly summoned home. We have listened to the parting counsel and earnest appeal of the former on behalf of the Blue Ridge Mission, and have appointed Phebe S. Aydelott and Hannah J. Bailey to solicit and receive subscriptions from the Meeting for the promotion of the good work there, and forward the amount collected either to him or to the Treasurer of the Mission.

The statistical accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings were now read. [*See* p. 9.]

The Committee to whom was entrusted the care of disbursing the income of the Mosher Fund, have presented a report which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and we unite with men Friends in the re-appointment of the same Committee with the substitution of the name of Susan Peckham for that of Rebecca H. Smiley, whose absence and ill health prevent her attending to the service.

The Trustees of the Fund have presented a Report of the present investments, which has also been read. [*See* p. 11.]

The Committee appointed to select the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence, produced the following, which being approved, the Friends named were appointed to that service. Gertrude W. Cartland, Almira B. Buffum, Louisa P. Hoag, Rachel S. Howland, Salome C. Wheeler, Deborah P. Atherton, Hattie M. Philbrick, Anna J. Goddard, Sarah M. Orvis, Susan Peckham, Eloise A. Haffard, Florence M. Wood, M. Augusta Battey, Alice W. Maxfield, Esther Jones, Mary W. Jones, Hannah T. Jenkins, Ellen F. Maxfield, Jennie Douglas, Martha B. Osborne, Avis B. Steere, Lydia E. Sawyer, Sarah J. Hanson, Caroline D. C. Howland, Lucretia G. Chace, Anna May Gifford, Anna M. Hussey and Ruth S. Murray.

An epistle was read from our fellow believers in the little Monthly Meeting, recently established at Ramallah, near Jerusalem. Our hearts were touched with their expressions of faith and love, and we feel that in the East as in the West, " Our God reigneth."

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 o'clock. [*See* p. 13.]

THIRD-DAY MORNING, THE 16TH. — Met in separate session according to adjournment.

The Queries, with a summary of the Answers to them received from our several Quarterly Meetings, have been read, and the consideration of the State of Society was entered upon.

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANSWER 1. — All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except thirty-eight specified omissions, on account of sickness and inclement weather; and two Quarterly Meetings report " several omitted." Those on First days have been generally well attended. All our Quarterly Meetings, except two, report remissness in the attendance of those in the middle of the week. One mentions increased attendance. The hour nearly observed.

ANS. 2. — Love and unity are maintained, with some exceptions; detraction is mostly guarded against. Care is taken to end differences.

ANS. 3.—We believe that most of our members are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train those under our care in accordance with our Christian profession. Some deficiencies in these respects are reported among us, more especially in regard to training of children.

ANS. 4.—With some exceptions the religious duty of reading the Holy Scriptures, both individually and collectively in our families, appears to have been attended to, and our children encouraged herein. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry not fully maintained.

ANS. 5.—Clear as regards intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Not wholly clear as to amusements and diversions. Moderation generally observed.

ANS. 6.—The circumstances of the poor and such as are likely to need assistance and relief receive our attention; and care is taken to educate their children.

ANS. 7.—With the exception of some military drill in our public schools, participated in by our children, we know of no violation of our testimony in military matters. Clear as far as we know in regard to oaths and defrauding the public revenue.

ANS. 8.—Friends are clear in the several parts of this query, with but little exception.

ANS. 9.—Nearly clear as to records. Some removals without certificates.

ANS. 10.—We believe Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, and impartially, though not always so timely as would be best.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

The importance of attending our mid-week meetings was feelingly urged, as by staying away we sustain a loss which we cannot afford. They prove blessed seasons to those who turn aside from the cares of life, to the restfulness and quietness of the presence of the Lord. Every one should feel it a privilege, as well as a duty, to attend, as the Lord is always ready to bless with His living, loving presence.

It may be impossible for some, who have not control over their own time, to attend, but all who can, will find great benefit in arranging their work during the week, to have the blessed hour of prayer unoccupied. The weakness of the flesh may distract us with wandering thoughts, but let us remember Him, who will, if we ask Him, bring "every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ." He will drive out everything that is opposed to His will, that He may have a clean temple to dwell in.

At our First-day Meetings we should be careful to give a loving greeting to strangers, and make them welcome among us. Parents should encourage the attendance of their children, establishing in their younger years the habit, which will be of use to them in later days.

We were exhorted to be earnest in prayer that we may harbor nothing against another, but that love to our Lord, and love to each other should fill our hearts, remembering His own words, "A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another." Mothers were urged to be very earnest in inculcating the principles of peace in the minds of their children. Those who have the training of the boys of the coming age need to be careful to prepare them for what they may have to encounter. Warlike toys should not be admitted in the nursery, and peace leaflets should be frequently read to the children. Above all, the truth should clearly be taught, that all war is offensive to God. There may be occasions when the mother may feel that her own efforts are unavailing, but let her remember that our Heavenly Father empowers us to lead our children in the right, and will enable us to gain the victory. As we kneel with them, and pray with them, seeking God's blessing, we shall have no difficulty in governing them.

The maintenance of business integrity is largely dependent upon a frequent inspection of our affairs, and settlement of our accounts, and this should be impressed upon children in early life. If they are trained to keep strict accounts of the small sums of money entrusted to them, they will be better fitted, in after life, to manage their own affairs properly, and as wives to assist their husbands in keeping their business on a fair and honest basis. In belonging to a religious society, we consent to its regulations, therefore a tax laid for church purposes should be considered as one of the promises to which we should be punctual. As our purses are consecrated, and we remember our obligations to our God, there will be no lack of money in His treasury, and His work will not be hindered.

The records of the Representative Meeting have now been read and approved in conjunction with Men Friends.

The Seventh Annual Report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society has been read. The record of the work of the past year has been very interesting, and was cordially responded to by this Meeting. The Lord has evidently blessed the faithful work of his servants, and we trust that in the coming year still greater results may be seen; that the bread which is now being cast upon the waters may be found after many days, to the glory and praise of the Lord of the harvest.

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:

As we review the work of the past year we say:—"What hath God wrought?" The many hindrances that have been removed, the many hearts that have been stirred to a deeper interest in the evangelization of the world, have proved to us every step of the way that our God hears and answers prayer, and we praise His name for it all.

STATISTICS OF THE W. F. M. S.

	Number of Auxiliaries.		Number of Members.	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Rhode Island,	6	7	103	152
Salem,	4	4	105	111
Sandwich,	2	4	28	66
Falmouth,	3	3	52	58
Smithfield,	2	2	41	45
Vassalboro,	2	4	34	67
Dover,	1	1	13	11
Fairfield,	2	6	60	78
Parsonsfield,	2	2	31	35
Total,	24	33	467	623

Auxiliaries gained, 9. Members gained, 156. Life members, 10.

Our work has been largely confined to Ramallah and the Indian Territory. A year ago we were praying that "the Lord of the harvest would give us a young woman to be a missionary teacher among the Iowas." Our prayer was heard, and Lina B. Lunt, of South Durham, Maine, who longed, even in childhood, to help the Indians, was led to offer herself for the work. She was accepted, and in the autumn went joyfully to her chosen field. The Lord has blessed her indeed, and given her precious young souls to train for Him. The work is growing, and her love for it is daily increasing. There is great need of a new mission building there, which will accommodate more children; it being a well recognized fact that in our mission work we need Training Homes for the children. The present building is too far from the schoolhouse, and on such very low ground that in time of rain they are quite overflowed, and the dear workers there are rendered extremely uncomfortable. Can we not, ought we not, to do something to help them to a better home in a more suitable location?

Our sister, Elizabeth Test, has also had great blessing resting upon her work among the bright, interesting young Kickapoos. She has built a small house with three rooms, where she has a home school for such of the little Indian girls as are allowed by their parents to attend, and here, with her faithful assistant, Netta Haworth, she is giving both life and means to the work. No discouragements seem to chill her ardor; no difficulties appal her. She understands Indian ways and Indian character, from long residence among them, and God gives her wisdom in dealing with them.

If we cross the blue waters to that "Blest land of Judea, thrice hallowed in song," and climb the "Hill of God," our Ramallah, which we have all learned to love so well, the same song of gratitude wells up from our hearts, as we see how the work is broadening and deepening continually. There are now twenty girls in the Training Home, for whose support our Women's Foreign Missionary Society is responsible, as, also for the support of two teachers. We are lovingly aided in this work by auxiliaries of other Yearly Meetings, and also by individuals, some of whom are not Friends. Letters from our young, devoted missionary teacher, Etta H. Johnston, have kept our hearts all aglow with interest throughout the year, for this blessed work in far away Palestine.

Some help has been extended to the work in Alaska, India and Jamaica.

Various methods have been used for raising money, among which we notice membership fees, free-will offerings, suppers, public and private sales, collections, mite-boxes, do. without boxes, pledges for systematic giving, sewing to order, and, possibly, some other methods which we may have omitted. When we ask our Heavenly Father for work to do for Him, He generally gives it; and if we want to earn money to use in His work He will help us to right methods of obtaining it. There is no doubt that the rule laid down in 1st Cor. 16: 2, is the Divine law of giving: "On the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him;" and we are to seek to lead others to practice this as well as to practice it ourselves. All other methods of raising money are not necessarily wrong, still we need great care that we do not, in our earnestness to help on the work, descend to any method of raising money that will bring dishonor on the cause of Christ, and let us continually aim for the "more excellent way," the Scriptural way. He who said: "The silver is mine and the gold is mine," is never so straitened for funds with which to carry on His work that His people need replenish His treasury by any so-called "doubtful means." In this matter let us give God "the benefit of the doubt" always. Let us ask God for the money needed, and then let us be willing to give until we feel it; "not grudgingly, nor of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver."

Prayer is our strong right arm in our work. On the blanks filled out annually by our auxiliaries, is this question: "Do you observe the first First-day in each month as a season of special prayer for missions?"

In many of our Meetings there is no auxiliary; but where there is none, if there are earnest, loving hearts that burn with zeal for the cause of missions, it is easy to devote a part of the day, at least, to this subject. In one small Meeting, where there is no auxiliary society, the first fifteen minutes of the Bible School, on the first First-day in each month, are given to the children's class, which is organized into a Juvenile Band. Under the lead of their teacher they have an interesting, well-prepared missionary exercise. The collection in the Bible School that day is for missions. The evening meeting is a missionary prayer meeting. Much prayer is offered, that being the exercise first entered upon always; missionary letters, and extracts from missionary papers and magazines, are read, and the day is, in a sense, observed as missionary day. Will not our dear friends feel encouraged to observe the first First-day in each month as a season of special prayer for missions? God hears and answers prayer. God calls His church to it. Oh, let us to our knees for perishing souls, at the family altar, in our closets, at the missionary meeting, at the meeting for social worship, as if all depended on our prayers; and then, freshly girded with strength, let us to the work as though all depended on our personal effort.

In some Quarterly Meetings all day missionary conferences have been held with blessed results. We note such at Fall River, Boston and Amesbury. Each session commenced with a half hour of devotion; papers were read upon different phases of the work, each of which was followed by a discussion; the young people had their share in the exercises, and stirring addresses were made by those who have been in the work in our two mission fields. Good collections were taken at each of these meetings. When the right spring is touched in the heart, the pocket-book is sure to spring open; and when both hearts and pocket-books are at the Lord's disposal, how blessedly will His work go on. Public missionary meetings have also been held in Salem, Mass., and in other places. Would it not be a good thing if every Quarterly Meeting could either be followed by an all-day missionary conference, or, at least, by one public missionary meeting? Think of it, dear sisters, pray over it, do it.

Three circular letters have been sent out to the auxiliaries in the past year, in which an endeavor has been made to keep them in touch with the workers in the field, to bring the needs of the work before them, and also to give helpful suggestions as to the work of the auxiliaries.

Life Membership Certificates have been issued, which, by the payment of twenty dollars, constitute the holder a life member of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of New England Yearly Meeting. The design is simple, but in good keeping, and such a certificate, hung where the eye can often fall upon it, must prove an inspiration to the one whose name it bears. The money received for these certificates is to constitute a permanent fund, the interest of which only is to be used in missionary work.

We have sent during the past year two boxes of goods and one box of books to Ramallah, and one box of goods and books to both of our teachers in the Indian Territory.

May God grant that in the year that lies before us, our convictions, with regard to our individual responsibility in this work, may be greatly increased, and our efforts keep pace with our deepened convictions.

ELIZABETH T. LARKIN,
Corresponding Secretary.

JUNIOR AND JUVENILE DEPARTMENT OF MISSION WORK.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:

The third year of work in this department has closed with evidence of good results. In the many organizations for different objects, in the present day, Temperance Bands, The King's Daughters, Christian Fellowship Unions, etc., all of them being blessed fields of usefulness to our young people, it needs wisdom to discriminate rightly, that, on the one hand, there shall be no seeming conflict of hurried duties, and on the other, that the children in our Yearly Meeting shall be lovingly urged to do all that is right for them to do in Mission work. Fifteen Mission Bands are reported in active work during the year. The Junior Band at Newport, R. I., has been consolidated with the Auxiliary. New Bands have been established at Central Village, Mass., Manchester, Me., and Brooks, Me. The membership of all the Bands is 224. The amount of money raised is $269.77, of which $50.00 is from the Band at Winthrop, Me., where the Sabbath School works in connection with them. Local Superintendents have been appointed in some Auxiliaries where, as yet, there are no organized Bands, and we hope some practical work may be reported by them the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH D. BROWN,
Supt. Junior and Juvenile Dept.

AMESBURY, Mass., Sixth Month 9th, 1891.

DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS:

In presenting the third annual report of this department, it is gratifying to notice an increasing interest in Missionary literature.

This interest is not in proportion, perhaps, to the increase in the number of our auxiliaries, nor to the very apparent increase of interest in Mission work itself, but it should not be so measured. What has been done in this general way, probably does not show half of what has been done throughout the Society, the past year, in the matter of reading on Missionary subjects.

The Missionary Advocate furnishes such complete and helpful lists of leaflets and books, which are thus brought to the notice of all our auxiliaries, and that and the Missionary Review are such rich store-houses of Missionary information that there seems little left for your general Superintendent to do; and it costs less to send directly to the publishers, or to Mary M. Haines, for supplies, than to order them through a third person.

Out of the thirty auxiliaries called upon at the time of sending our report to the Superintendent of Literature for our Missionary Union, in Second Month last, twenty-five responded, showing the following results:

Eight of our auxiliaries have started libraries, comprising in all thirty-eight (38) volumes. The number of subscribers to the Advocate was 194, which number has certainly been increased.

During the winter, a letter of suggestions as to the best ways of working, was sent to the Superintendent of Literature in each of our auxiliaries, and with this a copy of Mary M. Haines' first report of the Missionary Literature Department of Friends' Women Foreign Missionary Union.

Twice since, an appeal has been made to nearly all, if not to all, of the auxiliaries, urging upon them the claims of the Advocate.

Nine copies of the Missionary Review are in circulation among our members, and if these and our Advocate are being faithfully read, surely seed must have been sown, which, with divine blessing, cannot fail to bear fruit many fold.

During the past year there have been sent to the different auxiliaries a few volumes for circulation, and between one and two hundred leaflets, making over 2000 pages in all.

We earnestly hope that these have come into the hands of willing-hearted workers, and that they have proved inspiring and helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN PECKHAM.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SYSTEMATIC CHRISTIAN GIVING.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:

In presenting this, my third annual report, I can but say a little work has been accomplished, while much more ought to have been done. Reports show that 75 are in the habit of giving systematically. That various methods are used for supplying the treasury, but that no questionable means have been employed. All the reports say that there is a growing interest in favor of giving systematically, and several show that some literature has been distributed.

Your Superintendent has secured twelve hundred well-selected tracts for general distribution, and has brought them to this place with a desire that each Vice President will secure for herself a sufficient supply to meet the needs of her Meeting the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, E. H. TUTTLE, *Supt.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Women's Foreign Missionary Society of New England Yearly Meeting in account with Hannah J. Bailey, Treasurer.

1890	Dr.		
4 mo.	To balance from last year		$269 48
	Indiana Board W. F. M. S., through E. T. Larkin	$65 00	
	Donation from a friend for Alaska Mission .	3 00	
	Letitia O. Pope for Ramallah Mission	5 00	
	Collection at Public Meeting at Newport . .	95 83	
	E. T. Larkin for girl in day school, Ramallah	5 00	
	Iowa Board W. F. M. S., M. Thomas, Treas.	325 00	
	A friend in Lynn	1 00	
	Amounts carried forward,	$499 83	$269 48

	Amounts brought forward,	$499 83	$269 48
4 mo.	Cash to pay for goods sent to Ramallah, (E. T. Larkin)	33 24	
	A Friend to pay for printing letters	18 00	
	A Friend for Ramallah Mission	5 00	
	Collection at public meeting at Fall River, (P. S. Aydelott)	39 89	
	Phœbe W. Sawtelle and others for education of a girl in India	25 00	
	H. J. Bailey, ditto,	25 00	
	Joseph E. Briggs and others, ditto	25 00	
	E. T. Larkin	11 75	
	From sale of chain, (gift from young lady)	3 00	
	Tithe money	2 25	
	Gift of a lady (per E. T. Larkin)	5 00	
	Check from Wm. T. Hussey, gift of several friends for special use at Ramallah Mission	32 50	
	Collection by A. W. Maxfield to get stove and tent at India Mission	14 50	
	A friend, (for special object)	1 50	
	Contents of mite box of M. Carrie Beede	5 00	
	Oak Grove School and Providence School Alumni, (A. F. Maybury)	4 70	
	Sale of W. F. M. Union reports, by P. S. Aydelott	4 00	
			$755 16
			$1,024 64

To am't received from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	$599 98	
Salem Quarterly Meeting	331 93	
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting	99 50	
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting	177 37	
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting	230 00	
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting	140 62	
Dover Quarterly Meeting	68 90	
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting	277 71	
Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting	12 50	
		$1,938 51
Three life memberships		60 00
Total receipts		$3,023 15

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4 mo.	Paid Ellen C. Wright, Tr., W. F. M. Union	$ 14 01
	Paid Anna L. Evans, support of four girls at Friends' Orphanage in India	100 00
	Amount carried forward,	$114 01

	Amount brought forward,	$114 01	
4 mo.	Paid E. T. Pritchard reports of W. F. M. U. Conference	14 06	
	Paid Eli and Sybil Jones Mission	1,804 63	
	Paid Friends' Mission in Alaska	20 45	
	Paid Iowa and Kickapoo Mission	683 82	
	Freight and Express	51 84	
	Paid Superintendent Literature Department	5 00	
	Paid Systematic Giving Department	5 00	
	Paid printing, postage, foreign drafts, etc.	57 82	
	Paid Note of A. F. Cox & Sons	60 00	
		$2,816 63	
	Balance on hand Fourth Month 1st, 1891	206 52	
			$3,023 15

NOTE. — Every Quarter, except Parsonsfield, has sent more money to the treasury this year than ever before. Dover has more than doubled the amount ever sent before by them. Fairfield, Smithfield and Vassalboro have nearly doubled.

We have received from Bible Schools and Junior and Juvenile Bands, one hundred and ninety-one dollars and thirty cents, fifty dollars of which was from the Band at Woonsocket, and sixty dollars from Portsmouth Band. Get the little people interested and at work for the heathen children in Palestine and Indian Territory, and there need be no fears that the grand work of these missions will fail to be supported.

The Auxiliaries of Lynn, Portland, Winthrop and Newport, and the Junior and Juvenile Band at Portsmouth, R. I., are each supporting one girl in the Training Home at Ramallah.

China and Vassalboro Auxiliaries unite in the support of one girl. Iowa Women's Foreign Missionary Society is supporting five girls, Indiana one, a Friend in Ohio one, a Friend in Canada one, and a lady in Massachusetts, not a Friend, has paid fifty dollars toward the support of one girl.

Forty local Treasurers have sent money to the work during the year, only twenty-one of whom have sent their annual reports.

The Treasurer of our zealous Auxiliary in Providence reports two hundred and nine dollars and forty-eight cents raised during the year. I wish the efforts they have put forth would be copied by every city society in New England. The sum of the amounts still remaining with twenty-one local Treasurers at the time of reporting, was one hundred dollars and ninety-six cents.

They had used at home for supplies and for special donations, not sent to the general Treasury, one hundred and forty-six dollars and fifty-two cents.

Myra E. Frye, Vice-President for Falmouth Quarter, reports six dollars and fifty cents raised by subscription, and paid by her for a chart sent to the Iowa Indian Mission.

We find by report that twenty dollars have been sent to the Indian work from other sources.

If all those who receive money for our Missions would be careful to forward it through the proper channel, the treasury, more definite and correct reports could be made at our annual meetings.

Life membership certificates have been subscribed for by ten persons, viz.: Elizabeth T. Larkin, Hannah B. Starr, Caroline Alice Jones, Huldah H. Leighton, Emeline H. Tuttle, Mary R. Osborne, Hannah J. Bailey, Anna G. Wood, Ruth S. Murray and Etta H. Johnston.

The amount received for these has been deposited as a permanent fund, drawing five per cent. interest.

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Treasurer.*

PORTLAND, Me., Sixth Month 15th, 1891.

I have examined the foregoing account, with the vouchers thereof, and find it correct.

M. AUGUSTA BATTEY, *Auditor.*

The following-named Friends have been appointed as officers of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society for the coming year:

President.

PHEBE S. AYDELOTT, 70 Rock Street, Fall River, Mass.

Vice Presidents at large.

RUTH S. MURRAY, Grove Street, New Bedford, Mass.
MARY ALMY CHASE, Box 124, Manchester, N. H.

Corresponding Secretary.

ELIZABETH T. LARKIN, 72 Central Street, Peabody, Mass.

Recording Secretary.

ALICE W. MAXFIELD, 12 Railroad Avenue, Amesbury, Mass.

Treasurer.

HANNAH J. BAILEY, Winthrop Center, Maine.

Quarterly Meeting Vice Presidents.

RHODE ISLAND. — S. Caroline Tobey, 67 Angell Street, Providence, R. I.
SALEM. — Anna M. Gove, Seabrook, N. H.
SANDWICH. — Elizabeth A. Taylor, Central Village, Mass.
SMITHFIELD. — Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.
DOVER. — Anna M. Hussey, No. Berwick, Me.
FALMOUTH. — Myra E. Frye, Woodfords, Me.
VASSALBORO. — Eliza P. Pierce, East Vassalboro, Me.
FAIRFIELD. — Phebe A. Wadsworth, Augusta, Me.
PARSONSFIELD. — Julia A. Remick, Tamworth, N. H.

Auditors.

M. Augusta Battey, 109 Lippitt Street, Providence, R. I.
Gulielma C. Wood, 3 Gleason Street, Boston, Mass.

Superintendents of Departments.

SYSTEMATIC CHRISTIAN GIVING. — Deborah P. Atherton, Uxbridge, Mass.
LITERATURE. — Susan Peckham, 27 Cushing Street, Providence, R. I.
JUNIOR AND JUVENILE WORK. — Sarah D. Brown, 22 Highland Street, Amesbury, Mass.

Trustees for the Life Membership Fund.

FOR ONE YEAR. — Anna M. Gove.
FOR TWO YEARS. — Lavinia M. Briggs, Winthrop Center, Me.
FOR THREE YEARS. — S. Caroline Tobey.

We unite with Men Friends in the appointment of forty-nine Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting. [*See* p. 37.]

The nominating Committee, to whom was entrusted the duty of selecting the names of suitable Friends to constitute a Committee to take charge of the Boarding School, at Providence have presented their report. We unite with the Friends proposed in conjunction with the Men's Meeting, and they are appointed to that service. [*See* p. 35.]

They also presented the names of Friends to take charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, which were approved by this Meeting. [*See* p. 36.]

We unite with Men Friends in accepting the Report of the nominating Committee on Gospel Work. The names presented are approved, and they are appointed to that service. [*See* p. 37.]

The Young Friends' Fellowship Union have presented a request:

M. Augusta Battey, Louisa P. Hoag, and Alice W. Maxfield are appointed to unite with a similar committee of Men Friends, to take the subject into consideration, and report to a future Meeting.

We adjourn to meet at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON — Again assembled near the appointed hour.

The Committee having the care of an aged member of our Society from the British Provinces, gave an account of their work, which has been read and approved. [*See* p. 12.]

The Summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute embracing a part of the exercise of that Meeting, were laid before us and approved. [*See* p. 33.]

The Statistics of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, have been presented and read. [*See* p. 34.]

We are informed of a proposed change of time in holding the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in the Second Month at Providence. [*See* p. 35.]

The Committee to whom was referred the propositions appended to the Epistles from Indiana, Kansas and Iowa Yearly Meetings, presented a Report, which was accepted by this and the Men's Meeting. [*See* p. 38.]

The Report of the Committee to consider the request of the Young Friends' Fellowship Union, was received and united with, in concurrence with Men Friends. [*See* p. 39.]

The Friends appointed to receive contributions for the Blue Ridge Mission, N. C., in which our friend, David E. Sampson, is engaged, reported that they had received the sum of $94.53. Men Friends have contributed $62.10, making a total of $156.63.

The Annual Report of the Temperance Committee has been presented and read. [*See* p. 43.] Good and faithful work has been accomplished during the year, and we commit the care of this important concern to the same Committee, with the following changes: [*See* p. 46.] Lewis M. Douglas in the place of Augustus F. Cox, deceased; George A. Crosman instead of George A. Barton; Elisha T. Reed in place of Oscar J. Morse, released at his own request; L. Maria Jones in place of Lina B. Lunt, and the addition of Lucy A. Snow.

We unite with the Report of the Representatives in regard to the subject referred to them by the Minutes of Salem Quarterly Meeting. [*See* p. 35.]

The Committee on Peace gave an account of their labors for the past year [*see* p. 39], which was satisfactory to the Meeting. The Committee having charge of the subject was continued with the addition of Hannah J. Bailey.

The Report of the Committee on Bible Schools has been read, and is satisfactory to us. [*See* p. 40.] We appoint Myra E. Frye, Anna M. Gove, Hannah T. Jenkins, Mary B. Swan and Abigail Wheeler, to unite with a similar Committee from the

Men's Meeting, to nominate a Committee to take charge of this subject the ensuing year.

We adjourn to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. [*See* p. 47.]

FOURTH-DAY AFTERNOON THE 17TH. — Met in separate session.

The names of the Representatives being called, fifty-one responded.

Joint Epistles to New York and Ohio Yearly Meetings, also one to the Monthly Meeting at Ramallah, have been read.

Epistles to our dear sisters of London, Ireland, Canada, Baltimore, North Carolina, Indiana, Western, Iowa and Kansas Yearly Meetings, have been produced and are acceptable to the Meeting. The Clerk is directed to sign and forward them to the respective Meetings.

Addresses to the Young Friends and the children of this Yearly Meeting, and also one to those of our sisters, who are bowed under a weight of sorrow and the "infirmities of the flesh," have also been read and accepted, and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward them to the Quarterly Meetings for distribution.

A Report from the Auditing Committee has been accepted in concurrence with Men Friends, and we also unite in the re-appointment of Samuel R. Buffinton as Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and James H. Chace as Treasurer of the Providence School Funds. [*See* p. 57.]

We unite with Men Friends in accepting the Report of the Committee on Finance. [*See* p. 59.]

We continue the Committee on Business now under appointment for another year, viz.: Myra E. Frye, Sarah J. Swift, Hannah J. Bailey and Susan Peckham. In connection with a similar Committee from the Men's Meeting, they are appointed to make all the necessary arrangements for holding religious Meetings, during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting as way may open, also to propose times and places, for the various Committees to meet, which now are, or may then be, under appointment. [*See* p. 60.]

The Clerk is authorized to procure the usual amount of printing for this Meeting, and call on the Treasurer for the expense incurred.

We unite with the Report presented by the Representatives to whom these Propositions were referred.

First, That no action be taken at this time in regard to a new apportionment of Yearly Meeting Stock.

Second, That the requests from Vassalboro and Dover Quarterly Meetings be referred to the following-named Friends, to act in conjunction with a similar Committee from the Men's Meeting, viz.: Susan Peckham, Deborah W. Crosman, Ruth S. Murray, Emma Douglas, Deborah P. Atherton, Sarah E. Varney, Almira B. Buffum, Lizzie M. Hawkes and Phebe L. Pope.

Third, That the last proposition in regard to the building of a Yearly Meeting House, be referred to the Representative Meeting.

The joint Committee on returning Minutes have presented the following for our friend Edward G. Wood, viz.: "Our beloved friend, Edward G. Wood, acceptably attended this Meeting," and similar ones for all the ministering Friends, who presented certificates to this Meeting, viz.: David E. Sampson, Calvin W. Pritchard, John Y. Hoover, and his wife, Mary J. Hoover, Pliny Fry and Elias Jessup.

Suitable Minutes have also been prepared for our friends Emma Sampson and Mary C. Fry, all of which have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf.

The attendance of this our annual gathering has been large, and much interest has been manifested in the work of the Church. The Lord, as we reverently believe, has presided over our Meetings; He has graciously condescended to counsel, guide and direct, and bring us into sweet harmony and fellowship together, uniting our hearts in His love.

We conclude, proposing to meet at the usual time next year at Newport, R. I., if the Lord permit.

ANNA G. WOOD, *Clerk.*

MINUTES OF THE SECOND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

YOUNG FRIENDS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP UNION.

1. The Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Union met on Sixth Month 13th, 1891, at 2 o'clock, in its Second Annual Business Meeting. The Meeting was opened by singing, followed by Scripture reading by the President, and prayer for Divine guidance and instruction.

2. The Minutes of the last Meeting were then read and accepted.

3. The roll of delegates from the local Societies was called as follows:

Fall River.— Emma Skinner, Mary L. Chace.

Somerset.— Effie Fleck, Caroline D. Wilbur, G. Mahlon Chace, Henry C. Orvis, Sarah M. Orvis, J. Edwin Macomber, Clarence G. Wilcox.

Providence.— Augustine Jones, M. Augusta Battey.

Lewiston.— Olive Bailey, William Bailey, Syretha Hallett.

Bolton.— Laura A. Wheeler, Susie M. Wheeler.

Lynn.— Cyrus Jones, Eliza A. Jones, Hattie E. MacLean, Elmer E. Metzger, Arthur B. Fuller, Benjamin J. Colvin, Mary A. Crosman, Mary S. Paige.

Portland.— Nellie M. Johnston, Lizzie M. Frye, John J. Frye, Lewis M. Douglas.

Durham.— Fannie M. Tuttle, Mary A. Robinson, Mary E. Cartland.

China.— Frank E. Jones, H. W. Whitehouse, Albert Jones.

Lawrence.—Abbie E. Goddard, Annie E. Baker, Sarah J. Elber, Moses Marshall, William Goddard.

Woonsocket.— Oscar J. Morse, Bertha V. Morse, Mabel Mann, Cora Mowry, Jennie Lothrop, Joseph P. Burgess.

Vassalboro.— Alice F. Mayberry, Susie R. Bickford, Clifton Towle.

East Lynn.— G. A. Crosman, Eveline Crosman, G. L. Crosman.

of whom thirty-seven were present.

4. The Recording Secretary reported an increase of six Societies and an increase in membership of two hundred and forty-two.

5. The following Report from the Corresponding Secretary was read and accepted.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary informed the Kansas Union of our action upon their proposition to adopt the name of the Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Union. Letters were written to the Young Friends of New York Yearly Meeting and to the Ramallah Mission, in reply to letters received; also one written to the Young Friends of Iowa Yearly Meeting. Cards were early sent out to the Local Unions, asking for funds, necessary to carry on the work, and general correspondence has been kept up. Much interest is apparent in some of the Unions. Letters have recently been received from the Young Friends of New York Yearly Meeting and from Lina B. Lunt, Missionary to the Iowa Indians.

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE M. FRYE,
Corresponding Secretary.

6. The following Report of the Treasurer was submitted to the Union and accepted by it.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1890.	RECEIPTS.	
6 mo.	Received from H. W. Jones, balance in Treasury	$ 6 38
	Received from Boston Union	2 00
	Received from Constitutions sold	2 50
	Received from collection at Newport	26 29
9 mo.	Received from Mary E. Wildman, Cor. Sec. of Lawrence Union, towards travelling expenses of Organizer	4 00
	From Joseph P. Burgess, Treas. of Woonsocket Y. F. C. F. U., for Organizer	5 00
	Amount carried forward,	$46 17

	Amount brought forward,	$46 17	
9 mo.	From Charles E. Doe, Treas. of Fall River Y. F. C. F. U.	60	
10 mo.	From J. A. Jones, for South China, for Organizer	1 77	
	From Ada Blair, Goldsboro', N. C., for Constitution	1 20	
12 mo.	For Constitutions, Nellie M. Johnston, Portland	1 00	
	From Nellie M. Johnston, Treas. of Portland Union, to defray travelling expenses of Organizer	4 25	
	From J. P. Burgess, Treas. of Woonsocket Union, for Organizer	3 00	
1891.			
3 mo.	From Union at Lewiston, Me., for Constitutions, through Lizzie M. Frye	1 25	
5 mo.	From Nellie M. Johnston, Treas. of Portland Y. F. C. F. U., dues for 22 members	1 10	
			$60 32

1890. EXPENDITURES.

8 mo.	Travelling expenses of Organizer, as follows:		
	Boston to Fall River (one-half of fare)	$ 47	
	Boston to Lawrence	78	
	Boston to North Sandwich and return	5 00	
	B. and M. mileage ticket, 284 miles at 2 cents	5 68	
10 mo.	For printing proceedings of Y. F. C. F. U. in connection with Yearly Meeting Minutes (J. E. Paige)	10 00	
	Balance on hand	38 39	
			$60 32

WILLIAM T. HUSSEY, *Treasurer.*

7. An interesting letter from the Fellowship Union of New York Yearly Meeting was read.

8. A Nominating Committee to bring forward names of officers for the ensuing year was appointed, consisting of the following-named members:

Nominating Committee.— George L. Crosman, Mary Taylor, Anna J. Goddard, Lydia A. Frye, Elisha T. Read, George Irving Jenness, Melissa S. Dearborn.

9. A few stirring remarks by Charles H. Atkins, of Lynn, on Fellowship Unions and their work, were then listened to.

10. A letter from Lina B. Lunt, telling of her work as missionary among the Western Indians, was read.

11. It was suggested by Pliny Fry that delegates be appointed

to attend the Fellowship Union Meetings held during the sessions of Iowa, Western, Indiana and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and the President and Secretary were empowered to appoint as delegate any member who might inform them of his intention of attending those Yearly Meetings.

12. The Nominating Committee brought in the following Report, and the officers therein named were elected.

President — ARTHUR M. HUSSEY.
Recording Secretary — MARY S. PAIGE.
Corresponding Secretary — LIZZIE M. FRYE.
Treasurer — JOSEPH P. BURGESS.
Organizer — MARTHA HOAG.

QUARTERLY MEETING VICE PRESIDENTS.

Rhode Island — J. EDWIN MACOMBER.
Salem — CYRUS JONES.
Sandwich — HELEN H. SEABURY.
Falmouth — LEWIS M. DOUGLAS.
Smithfield — GEORGE W. PHILLIPS.
Vassalboro — LINWOOD W. JONES.
Dover — WILLIAM T. HUSSEY.
Fairfield — C. IRVING BAILEY.
Parsonsfield — DORA E. CARTLAND.

13. The following resolution was presented by Elisha T. Read and united with by the Meeting :

The Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Union of New England, at Yearly Meeting assembled, recognizing in the curse of intemperance, the greatest hindrance to the upbuilding of the Master's kingdom that we have to contend with, and believing that the existence of the saloon to-day is due wholly to the indifference of moral and religious people to this great question, do hereby resolve : "That as members of this organization and the church of God, we should steadfastly oppose all methods of licensing the evil and endeavor by our influence and votes to place in control of the government a party whose chief aim shall be the total annihilation of the liquor traffic and the saloon."

14. It was moved and seconded that the name of this Society be changed to "Young Friends' Society of Christian Endeavor," but after considerable discussion the motion was recalled.

15. *Voted*, That hereafter business be carried on after the usual manner of Friends, instead of in accordance with Parliamentary rules.

16. John J. Frye, on behalf of the Portland Society, extended an invitation to the Union and its friends, to an excursion down the harbor at 8 o'clock, Sixth Month 15th.

17. Adjourned to meet on the boat.

18. SIXTH MONTH 15th — The Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Union met according to adjournment.

19. It was decided that time and place were not favorable for holding a business meeting.

20. Adjourned to 2 o'clock this afternoon.

21. AFTERNOON — Met according to adjournment.

22. The following report of the Organizer was read and accepted:

ORGANIZER'S REPORT.

TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE YOUNG FRIENDS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP UNION:

Throughout the year that is past, the Fellowship Union Work has been watched and guarded by Him who notes the varying needs of His children. We can but acknowledge His loving kindness unto us, as we have endeavored to learn the paths that have lain before us.

When we were children and used to love the nursery rhymes, we used to hear about the "Three wise men who went to sea in a bowl." We could not refrain from a sigh of disappointment when the story was brought to a sudden conclusion by the remark "If the bowl had been stronger my story would have been longer." In making up my report I feel as that story-teller did, and I recognize that if more organizing had been done, the organizer could make a fuller account of the year's work.

I have, however, been to almost every place from which a call has come for such help, and have given unsolicited attention to several localities.

Fall River, Somerset, Woonsocket, Lynn, Boston, Lawrence, Durham, and Friends' School, Providence, are among the places visited.

At Fall River, Somerset and Friends' School, Unions were formed. No doubt you will hear of their progress through the reports that come from them. It seems right to call particular attention to the Union at Friends'

School, because it is an especially good thing to have such an organization at another of our educational centres. Vassalboro has for several years enjoyed the Union, and now this sister school has it also; principal, teachers and scholars unite heartily in the work. May the Friends' School Union prove a veritable stronghold for Christian principles.

At Woonsocket your organizer represented you, and spoke on your behalf at a Quarterly Meeting of local Christian Endeavor Societies. At Lynn, also, in the Eighth Month, she endeavored to present your cause at the Fellowship Union Meeting which was so admirably conducted by the Lynn Fellowship Union.

It seems fair to refer to a very pleasant visit to the Meeting held by the young Friends of New Bedford. Although they think it best to continue their own name and methods, yet they are doing a work much in harmony and accord with ours.

Returning to the story of the disaster that befel the poor men who went to sea in a bowl, let us compare our voyage with theirs, and if our line of travel seems to be far shorter than we might wish, let us be glad that our bowl has not been completely wrecked. But let us also think how much longer journey we ought to make the coming year, and choose a craft that is trustworthy, taking earnest devotion for our boat, faith for our sail, tact for our rudder, and shall not the spirit of the Lord be as the breeze to forward our ship?

Forgive me for taking you back to early days and childhood's imagery. Now we have become men, let us put away childish things; let us keep, however, the sweet, childlike spirit and obey the voice of duty.

May a rich blessing from God our Father rest upon you at your annual meeting, and may you go forth to do with your might what your hands find to do.

Yours in His name,

MARTHA HOAG, *Organizer.*

BOSTON, Sixth Month 12th, 1891.

23. The resignation of Martha Hoag, from her position as Organizer, was accepted, and the following committee appointed to nominate a new Organizer: Mary A. Gove, Clara B. Crosman, Hannah J. Goddard, Oscar J. Morse and Elmer E. Metzger.

24. It was decided to have the minutes of the Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Union Meetings printed, both in connection with the Yearly Meeting Minutes and separately, and Clara B. Crosman and Mary S. Paige were appointed a committee to attend to it.

25. Decided to ask the Yearly Meeting to take the Fellowship Union as a Yearly Meeting work, and Elisha T. Read, Mary A.

Crosman, Charles H. Atkins, Oscar J. Morse and Mary A. Gove were appointed to draw up such a proposition.

26. The hearty thanks of the Union were extended to the Portland Society for the excursion enjoyed in the morning.

27. The report of the committee to nominate an Organizer was accepted, and Frank E. Jones was elected to that office.

28. The question of funds for the use of the Organizer in his work was discussed, and it was decided to raise one hundred dollars, including the thirty-eight dollars now on hand, in the same way as last year.

29. Elisha T. Read was appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer for this year.

30. The committee appointed to draw up a proposition to present to the Yearly Meeting, as previously stated, brought in the following, which was directed to be signed by the President and Secretary and handed in to the Yearly Meeting as soon as possible:

PROPOSITION.

The Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Union of this Yearly Meeting are united in asking that our organization be recognized by the Yearly Meeting, in a similar relationship to that which the Women's Foreign Missionary Society bears to the Women's Meeting, for the purpose of placing ourselves under your more immediate care and having a report of our work come before you and be inserted in the printed Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

31. The former decision of the Union, in regard to taking the sense of the meeting, was reconsidered, and it was decided to use Parliamentary rules.

32. *Voted*, That the Secretary request the different societies to send in their decision in regard to a change of name, in order that a final decision may be reached next year.

33. *Voted*, To instruct the Executive Committee to get new Constitutions.

34. After a vote of thanks to the retiring officers the meeting adjourned.

ARTHUR M. HUSSEY, *President.*
MARY S. PAIGE, *Secretary.*

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OF THE

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FOR

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MINUTES OF THE MEN'S MEETING.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport, R. I., commencing on Sixth-day Sixth Month 10th, 1892.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz :—

FROM RHODE ISLAND — Samuel R. Buffinton, Henry C. Aydelott, William T. Collins, Robert P. Gifford, Daniel Meader, Augustine Jones, John F. Chace, Obadiah Chace, Herbert A. Skinner, Benjamin Greene, Charles A. Chace, Joseph S. Anthony, Robert B. Hanson and William H. Beale.

FROM SALEM — Joseph Cartland, William O. Newhall, Peter M. Neal, George L. Crosman, Owen Dame, George C. Herbert, Walter B. Allen, Daniel C. Maxfield, Stephen R. Rogers, Allen P. Aldrich, Olney T. Meader, Cyrus Jones, Lebbeus Hill, Ezra Hawkes, Charles H. Atkins, William F. Vining and George A. Crosman.

FROM SANDWICH — Gideon Wood, Edward G. Dillingham, Ephraim Gifford, Thomas F. Haffard, Arnold G. Tripp, David Kelley, George C. Aiken, Joshua L. Macomber, Benjamin H. Kirby, William P. Macomber, John A. Macomber, John B. Baylies and Joseph Ewer.

FROM FALMOUTH — John J. Frye, Charles W. Goddard, William P. Pinkham, Charles M. Jones, George H. Farr, Lucius C. Dunham and Edward C. Jones.

FROM SMITHFIELD — Isaac Steere, Richard Battey, John Metcalf, Sylvester S. Aldrich, James G. Arnold, D. Wheeler Swift, David B. Wheeler and Thomas A. Wheeler.

FROM VASSALBORO — Alfred H. Jones, William A. Jones, James M. Estes, Rufus M. Jones, Henry H. Goddard and John A. Frye.

From Dover — Timothy B. Hussey, Samuel Buffum, John H. Osborne and Daniel F. Jenness.

From Fairfield — I. Warren Hawkes, Isaac Winslow, David J. Douglas, Jesse McPherson, Paul Wing, Joseph E. Briggs and Levi Jones.

From Parsonfield — Silas H. Cartland, Joseph S. Remick and John B. Cartland.

Whose names being called they were present, except seven, for the absence of five of whom sufficient reason was assigned.

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend, George Grubb, a minister with satisfactory credentials from Cork Monthly Meeting, held First Month 7th, 1892, Munster Quarterly Meeting, held the 11th of First Month, and the Foreign Service Committee of Dublin Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in Dublin the 9th of Second Month, 1892.

4. We have also the acceptable company of the following beloved friends from American Yearly Meetings, viz.; Seneca H. Stevens, Fernando G. Cartland, Harry R. Keats, and Edward G. Wood from New York Yearly Meeting; David E. Sampson from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; John Carey from Indiana Yearly Meeting; Wm. G. Johnson from Western Yearly Meeting; John F. and Alice Hanson, William L. Pearson, and George N. Hartley from Iowa Yearly Meeting; who produced certificates from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

5. We have read at this time a minute from our friends Clark M. and Esther P. Terrell from Oskaloosa Monthly Meeting, Iowa, he being an Elder and she a member of that Monthly Meeting. Also one from Emma Sampson an Elder and companion to her husband David E. Sampson, and Lindley M. Carey a member of Fairmount Quarterly Meeting, and companion to his father, John Carey, who are acceptably in attendance of this Meeting.

6. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following named Friends:

Joseph Cartland, Charles W. Earle, William P. Pinkham, Jesse McPherson, Samuel R. Buffinton, Daniel C. Maxfield, and Rufus M. Jones, who are requested to unite with a similar committee of women friends and report at a future sitting.

7. Epistles have been received at this time from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond except Canada. We have also received one from the Monthly Meeting at Ramallah. Those from London of 1891, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, and North Carolina were now read, the reading of the remaining ones is deferred to another sitting.

8. We appoint a committee to propose at our next sitting a Committee on Correspondence as follows, viz.: Joseph H. Atwater, Daniel C. Maxfield, John B. Baylies, Charles M. Jones, D. Wheeler Swift, John A. Frye, Samuel Buffum, Joseph E. Briggs, and John B. Cartland.

9. All our Quarterly Meetings report that they have paid or directed their treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportions of stock called for last year.

10. We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Owen Dame, Edward T. Tucker, John J. Frye, Isaac Steere, William A. Jones, William P. Tuttle, Joseph E. Briggs, and Silas H. Cartland a committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised, sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year; and to propose a Friend for treasurer, also to propose a Friend for treasurer of Providence School, and another Friend for treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary.

11. We appoint William P. Macomber, Charles H. Atkins, Charles W. Goddard, Rufus M. Jones, and John Metcalf, a committee to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries and present it at a future sitting.

12. The Committee of Arrangements now under appointment make the following proposition to the Yearly Meeting: —

The Committee of Arrangements at their Meeting, Sixth Month 9th, were united in proposing that a Committee on Nominations of Committees be appointed as follows: —

The Representatives at their Meetings for nomination of Clerks are requested to report the name of one Friend from each Quarterly Meeting, of men and women respectively, selected by the action of each Quarterly Meeting's Representatives in separate Conference, and the united list thus chosen to constitute the permanent Committee to whom all nominations are to be referred during the sessions of the Yearly Meeting.

By direction of the Committee,

CHARLES M. JONES, *Chairman.*

13. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz.: —

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of John S. Kimber. Solomon R. Knowles, an Elder and member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 8th, 1890, aged 82 years, 9 months, and 15 days. William Jacob, a Minister and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, died Twelfth Month 31st, 1891, aged 63 years and 14 days. Thomas Harkness, an Elder and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 12th, 1892, aged 92 years, 10 months, and 10 days. Thomas J. Battey has been appointed correspondent of Providence Monthly Meeting in place of Thomas Harkness, deceased; address 109 Lippitt Street, Providence, R. I. That it has united with Swansey Monthly Meeting in changing the time of holding that Meeting from 11 o'clock A. M. to 1.30 P. M.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sylvina A. Manning and Martha C. Jepsón to the station of Elder; and that it has appointed five associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Lydia P. Chase, an Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died Eighth Month 25th, 1891, aged 74 years, 8 months, and 11 days. Alvina Andrews, an Elder and member of Boston Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 4th, 1892, aged 67 years and 17 days.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that the Meeting for worship at Falmouth from the 1st of the Fifth to the 1st of the Tenth Month is now held on both First and Fifth days at 10.30 A.M. George Howland, Jr., an Elder and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 18th, 1892, aged 85 years, 3 months, and 29 days. Gideon Wood has been appointed correspondent of New Bedford Monthly Meeting in place of George Howland, Jr., post office address, New Bedford, Mass.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Emma C. Pinkham, John J. Frye, and Myra E. Frye to the station of Elder, and with Durham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William P. Davis and Josiah B. Holder to the same station. Susan B. Sisson, a Minister and member of the same Meeting, has removed to reside within the limits of Iowa Yearly Meeting. Patience Goddard, an Elder and also a member of the same Meeting, died Twelfth Month, 19th, 1891, aged 78 years, 3 months, and 4 days. That it has united with Windham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Charles A. Nichols, Ellen C. Nichols, L. Maria Jones, and Elizabeth H. Cook, to the station of Elder. Silas F. Strout, a Minister and member of the same Meeting, has removed out of the limits of this Yearly Meeting. Esther Nichols, an Elder, also a member of the same Meeting, died First Month 6th, 1892, aged 83 years and 10 days. A Monthly Meeting has been established at Lewiston, Me., to be known as Lewiston Monthly Meeting, to be held at 7 o'clock P. M. on Third day following the second Fifth day in each month except the Sixth Month, when it is to be held at the same hour on Third day, following the third Fifth day. Correspondent Josiah B. Holder; post office address, 205 College Street, Lewiston, Me. This Meeting has granted a Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in Falmouth Monthly Meeting, to be held at Portland, Me., at 2 P. M., on Fourth day before the third Fifth day in the First. Fifth, and Tenth Months, and on Third day before the third Fifth day in the Eighth Month; and that Windham Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight be held at 2 P. M. on the third Fifth day in the First, Fifth, Eighth, and Tenth Months, at Windham.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that George S. Southwick, an Elder and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 28th, 1892, aged 79 years and 30 days; Reuben A. Wheeler, an Elder and member of Bolton Monthly Meeting, died Ninth Month 14th, 1891, aged 68 years, 3 months, and 23 days; David Babcock, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died Twelfth Month 4th, 1891, aged 86 years, 9 months, and 21 days.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that Charles Osborne, an Elder and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, died Fourth Month 19th, 1892, aged 72 years; that it has united with Unity Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of George M. Jones, and with China Monthly Meeting in appointing John Jones to the station of Elder.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has added two associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has appointed five associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Sarah M. Richardson, an Elder and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, died Fifth Month 15th, 1891, aged 83 years, 3 months, and 1 day; Mary Sanford, an Elder and member of Winthrop Monthly Meeting died First Month 12th, 1892, aged 85 years, 8 months, and 21 days; Lavinia M. Briggs, an Elder and member of the same meeting, died First Month 21st, 1892, aged 68 years, 3 months, and 5 days.

Adjourned to meet at 3.45 this P. M.

AFTERNOON. — The meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

14. Owen Dame, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing the name of Timothy B. Hussey for Clerk, and Daniel C. Maxfield and I. Warren Hawkes for Assistant Clerks for the ensuing year, which being separately approved they are accordingly appointed to those services the ensuing year.

On the retirement of our dear friend William O. Newhall from the position of clerk to this Yearly Meeting, we desire to record our appreciation of the faithful and efficient service he has rendered during the lengthened period of sixteen years, by his warm interest in all the varied work of the Church, as well as by the dignity and courtesy with which he performed the duties of the office.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 o'clock.

The meeting met pursuant to adjournment.

15. The Committee appointed for that purpose presented the names of the following Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence, which is approved by the Meeting, viz. : —

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Alfred H. Jones,
Frank E. Jones,
Samuel Buffum,
Jesse McPherson,
Olney T. Meader,
Robert P. Gifford,
George L. Crosman,
Henry H. Goddard,
William P. Macomber,
John S. Kimber,
William Thompson,
James M. Estes,
William O. Newhall,
Rufus M. Jones,
Arthur M. Hussey,
David J. Douglas,
Henry C. Aydelott,
William P. Pinkham,
Charles W. Earle,
Charles W. Goddard.

16. The Committee having charge of the Yearly Meeting School at Providence, R. I., presented their Annual Report, viz. : —

REPORT OF BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee having in charge the Boarding School at Providence, established by and under the care of the Yearly Meeting, in presenting the Seventy-third Annual Report of its operations, would state that, while they have but little that will be especially new to report, they have the great pleasure of informing the Meeting that the work performed by the pupils and the efforts of the officers and Board of Instruction have been productive of very satisfactory results. The Sub-Committees, appointed from time to time, have made very encouraging and cheering reports of the condition of the school and progress of the scholars, in the various branches in which they are engaged; and in their frequent attendance of the Meetings for Worship held on First and Fourth day mornings, as well as the evening of First-days, they have found them to be seasons in which much solemnity and religious interest have prevailed — and, in general, the Committee can thankfully acknowledge that the deep spiritual earnestness which has characterized the religious work of the school, of latter years, has in no wise abated during the past year, but the rather, has been upon the increase, so that spiritually and intellectually the previous high standard of the Institution has been well maintained.

The general health of the family, during the past year, has been exceptionally good. One death, however, has occurred, in reference to which, the Principal, in his communication to us at our meeting in the Fourth Month, stated: "We were saddened by the loss of Lois Anna Perry, a member of the senior class, on the 6th of Third Month, 1892. She was the daughter of William H. Perry of Clarks Falls, Conn., and at her decease a little over twenty years of age. Her sickness, which was rheumatism, was very brief. She was a beautiful Christian girl, and has, we believe, graduated to a higher, holier, and more blessed immortal life."

The decease of George Howland, Jr., one of our number, occurred on Second Month 18th, 1892; he had been almost uninterruptedly a member of the School Committee for nearly half a century. The following minute was entered upon our records at our meeting in the Fourth Month, viz.: "We are called upon at this time to record the decease of our dear friend George Howland, Jr., who was for a long series of years a valuable and efficient member of this Committee, and for many years faithfully served the Committee in the capacity of clerk. We have gratefully to acknowledge our high appreciation of his uniform kindness, courtesy, and fidelity, as well as the marked cheerfulness which he manifested towards the students and all those in charge of the Institution; and in every way in which he was connected with it, he showed his warm attachment to the school, and his earnest, prayerful desire for its best welfare."

Another vacancy has occurred in our number, on account of which, the following minute was placed upon our records in the Eleventh Month last, viz.: "The Committee hereby desires to express its appreciation of the long continued, faithful, and efficient service of our friend Charles F. Coffin, in the interests of this Institution."

The growing interest in Mechanic Arts, Drawing, and Painting, and the crowded condition of the house seemed to the Committee to demand additional accommodations for these branches; it was decided at a meeting of the Committee in the Sixth Month last to erect, at the north of the east wing, a suitable building, which was accordingly carried into effect and completed so as to be occupied in the early part of Third Month last, greatly to the comfort, convenience, and satisfaction of the instructors and pupils.

The number of scholars for the year has been, — boarders 161, day students 18, total 179.

The officers of government and instruction have been: —

AUGUSTINE JONES, A. M., L. L. B., Principal, and Political Science.

WILLIAM E. SARGENT, A. M., Governor, and English Studies and Calisthenics for Boys.

EVELYN BARROWS, B. S., Preceptress, and English Studies.

THOMAS J. BATTEY, A. M., Natural Science.

MARY E. RAWSON, Vocal and Instrumental Music.

SOPHIA L. PITMAN, Drawing and Painting.

WALTER S. MEADER, A. M., Higher Mathematics.

FREDERICK H. HOWARD, A. M., Greek and Latin.

Charles R. Jacob, A. B., Modern Languages.
Anna Belle Carroll, A. M., English Studies.
Harriette H. Hacker, English Studies.
Abbie D. Cartland, Primary Room.
Clara B. Presbrey, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.
Charles E. Cobb, Charge of Boys' school-room.
Robert Bonner, Instrumental Music.
Clara B. Presbrey, Calisthenics for Girls.
Alice Forde Mayberry, Secretary and Book-keeper.
Gertrude A. Hawkes, Librarian, Autumn Term.
Grace King Peaslee, Librarian, Spring Term.

LECTURER.

Thomas J. Battey, A. M., Natural Science.

AUDITORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEVENTH MONTH 1st, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

Charitable Scholarship Fund	$2,062 50	
Elizabeth Fry " "	1,500 00	
General " "	6,100 00	
Stephen T. Olney "	1,804 31	
Board and tuition	30,972 92	
Day Scholars' tuition	1,557 65	
Auxiliary studies and use of pianos	3,081 74	
		$47,079 12

EXPENDITURES.

For Salaries	$15,327 47	
Wages	9,904 14	
Provisions	11,501 29	
Repairs and renewals	3,476 63	
Water	312 75	
Light	957 86	
Fuel	1,356 09	
Library	443 35	
Papers and periodicals	67 26	
Incidentals	173 51	
Debts considered bad	129 29	
Advertising	1,054 93	
Balance to profit and loss	2,374 55	
		$47,079 12

ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON,
JAMES H. CHACE,
CHARLES SISSON,
} *Auditors.*

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the School, per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150.00. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund of $75.00. Credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same fund, of $25.00. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the Scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $75.00.

The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, or German of $10.00; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.00.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made, except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

PROVIDENCE, Fifth Month 31st, 1892.

NOTE. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 14th, 1892, and the Spring Term begins Second Month 8th, 1892.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, Eighth Month 2d, 1892.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Eighth Month 2d, 1892.

Applications should be sent to the Principal, Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.

The Report is interesting and satisfactory, and has received the approval of the Meeting. and the Committee now under appointment with the exception of two members removed by death is re-appointed for the ensuing year.

We refer the vacancies to be filled to the Joint Nominating Committee to be appointed.

17. The Committee on Real Estate presented their report which is satisfactory, and the Committee now under appointment is continued for that service the ensuing year.

REPORT OF THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

We have sold during the past year as follows: —

1891, Seventh Mo. 1st.	One lot 6,600 square feet for . . .	$2,640 00
1891, Seventh Mo. 1st.	One lot 15,865 3-10 square feet for .	5,552 85
1892, Fifth Mo. 21st.	One lot 6,250 square feet for	2,437 50
	Total Sales	$10,630 35

1891, Eighth Mo. 20th. Received Balance of purchase money and interest on deeds delivered	2,150 41
1891, Eighth Mo. 20th. Received payment of 4 Mortgage notes and interest	4,210 00
1892, Third Mo. 26th. Received payment of 3 Mortgage notes and interest	3,017 00
Total receipts of other interest	513 69
Balance reported on hand last year	114 05
Total Receipts	$20,635 50

EXPENDITURES.

Paid J. H. Chace, Treasurer, from cash receipts amounting to,	$20,323 45
Paid Expenses	84 17
Balance on hand with custodian	227 88
	$20,635 50

ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
Clerk of Real Estate Committee.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sixth Mo. 7th, 1892.

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.

James H. Chace.
Olney T. Meader.
Samuel R. Buffinton.
Robert P. Gifford.
Charles Sisson.

18. The Committee having charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, presented their Annual Report which has been read.

The earnest and faithful effort shown in the management of this school was encouraging, and the Meeting was united in thankfully accepting the report, which is as follows, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

In presenting to the Yearly Meeting their annual report of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, the committee in charge would thankfully acknowledge the blessing of our Heavenly Father, which has rested upon the school during the past year. The attendance has been good [numbering one hundred and twenty-three] and, with very little exception, the health of the Board of Instruction and pupils has been excellent. Under the efficient management of the principal, Rufus M. Jones, aided by his wife, Sarah C. Jones, as head of the household department, the affairs of the Institution have been prudently and wisely administered, and a genial home feeling has been clearly apparent to those who have been privileged to mingle as visitors with the family and pupils. In the school and class rooms the labors of the principal have been ably seconded by the teachers in charge of the different departments, and we believe that the literary work of the school will compare favorably with that of any previous year. The graduating class numbered thirteen, and the Commencement exercises, which were attended by eighteen members of the Committee, were interesting and satisfactory to all. Meetings for divine worship have been regularly held on First and Fourth days, and social meetings [usually conducted by the pupils], two evenings in the week. Several of the pupils have, durthe past year, started on the happy Christian journey; and these, with others of more advanced Christian experience, have manifested a deep interest in the religious work of the school, and have given evidence in their daily lives, of the change wrought in them through faith in a living Saviour. The regular meetings for worship have been frequently attended by members of the Committee, but none have been more signally blessed by the great Head of the Church than those in which no visitors were present.

During the school year a large and finely finished gymnasium, eighty by thirty feet, has been erected on the grounds north of the school building, and presented to the school by our friend, Charles M. Bailey, who has also generously donated the sum of seven hundred and ninety-eight dollars and twelve cents to balance the school accounts. A timely and acceptable gift of one hundred dollars from a Friend in Lynn, Mass., has been used for the purchase of philosophical apparatus.

We have also to thankfully acknowledge a gift of sixty dollars for the Sybil Jones Fund, from a Friend in Portland, Me. The board and tuition of ten pupils has been paid during the year, through the generosity of friends of the school.

We believe that the Institution, under its present management, is fulfilling the high "aim" of its founders " to develop strong, upright, cultured Christian men and women," and we again commend it to the care of the Yearly Meeting.

The Principal for the coming year will be Rufus M. Jones, A. M. The rest of the Faculty are not fully determined upon.

CALENDAR FOR 1892–1893.

Autumn Term begins Eighth Month 30th, 1892.
Winter Term begins Eleventh Month 29th, 1892.
Spring Term begins Second Month 27th, 1893.

Each term consists of twelve weeks, a vacation of one week coming between the autumn and winter terms, and the winter and spring terms.

All applications for admission to the school should be made to

RUFUS M. JONES, A. M., *Principal*,
Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute,
Vassalboro, Maine.

On behalf of the Committee,

CHARLES M. BAILEY, *Chairman.*
I. WARREN HAWKES, *Secretary.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 10th, 1892.

The nomination of a committee to have the care of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute is referred to the Joint Nominating Committee to be appointed.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 64 06	
Samuel R. Buffinton, Treas. (interest)	143 38	
Samuel R. Buffinton, Treas. (on principal)	375 00	
Interest on loans	707 28	
Interest on Mary E. Austin Fund	267 50	
Subscription of A. M. Bradley & Son	9 37	
Subscription of Macomber, Farr & Co.	17 50	
Board and Tuition	4,535 21	
State Treasurer	800 00	$6,919 30
Donated by Charles M. Bailey, to balance account		798 12
		$7,717 42

EXPENDITURES.

Expense, repairs	$ 62 61	
Expense chargeable to last year's account	130 00	
Insurance	500 00	
Expense of school	5,608 60	
Expense of school, chargeable to last year's account,	200 00	
Scholarship	183 64	
Trustees of N. E. Y. Meeting	500 00	$7,184 85
Unpaid bill		532 57
		$7,717 42

The insurance paid is in advance to Ninth Month 5th, 1894.

JOSEPH E. BRIGGS,
Treasurer.

We have examined the accounts and vouchers of Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer, and found them correct.

JOHN J. FRYE,
HANNAH J. BAILEY, } *Auditors.*

19. The Committee on Education have presented their report, which is approved and is as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

The Committee on Education reports that the present year has been a very successful one in the schools of the Yearly Meeting, and yet they feel that the schools do not claim the attention from many Friends which their advantages warrant.

The statistics show that large numbers of children of the Yearly Meeting are not at either school, who are of the right age to be improved by the institutions.

There are many well known reasons which contribute to this result, but the advantages in training and culture under new and independent influences, are not, we think, sufficiently realized. The present year has exhibited an advance in general education, the world over, which has no parallel in history.

The educational light is reaching the ignorant masses with universal power which rejoices our hearts. This should stimulate us to cherish our own institutions; they are capable with further endowment of doing vastly more effective work.

Our fathers sought to make them sectarian nurseries. It is our privilege in a more advanced age to see the breadth and depth and scope of a larger culture, a greater and more enduring influence extended to all mankind.

We cannot hold, without untiring devotion, an influential place in the great domain of education, when public interest is so fully awakened and public money is expended so lavishly, when the wealthiest persons vie with each other in the magnificence of their endowments. God has given to us a share in this noble work of elevating mankind, and in all our beneficent enterprises none exceeds it in importance.

We should be unfaithful to our most sacred duty if we turned this service over to the cold, mechanical, unfeeling hands of the State, or if we gave place to other denominations with different specific missions and characteristics. Therefore, the modern popular cry that all education should be in the care of the State is wrong and ought not to be heeded.

The cause demands that we should seek to reach constantly a higher standard of work, and do all we can by our example and influence to urge on the public schools to greater perfection. The public school is the child and offspring of the private school and needs its stimulating influence.

The training of the intellect which is a portion of that immortal mind, which is destined for eternity, cannot fail to be a matter of the deepest solicitude to the church which seeks the culture of the spirit, and to bring all men to Him who is the Life, the Truth, and the Way.

On behalf of the committee,

AUGUSTINE JONES.
RUFUS M. JONES.
RUTH S. MURRAY.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month, 10, 1892.

We appoint the same committee as last year to this service.

To the Yearly Meeting:

I have to report that I have received as Chairman of the Committee on Education the following sums of money:—

From Dover Monthly Meeting	$2 00	
From Fall River	2 50	
From North Berwick	3 00	
From Worcester	3 00	
From Windham	3 00	
From Weare	5 25	
From Lynn	4 64	
		$23 39
Cr.		
By sum transferred to the Peace Committee	3 00	
Balance remaining		$20 39

AUGUSTINE JONES.

Sixth Month, 10, 1892.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Seventh-day Morning, the 11th inst.

The Meeting again assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

20. Nominating Committee. — The Representatives from the several Quarterly Meetings have designated the following-named Friends to constitute the Nominating Committee, which is approved by this Meeting, viz.:

Rhode Island.	Joseph H. Atwater, Electa J. Collins.
Salem.	William O. Newhall, Alice W. Maxfield.
Sandwich.	Gideon Wood, Susan F. Hoxie.
Falmouth.	John J. Frye, Emma A. Douglas.
Smithfield.	Isaac Steere, Mary A. Battey.
Vassalboro.	William A. Jones, Eliza P. Pierce.
Dover.	Samuel Buffum, Almira B. Buffum.
Fairfield.	Joseph E. Briggs, Mary C. Hawkes.
Parsonsfield.	Silas H. Cartland, Melissa S. Dearborne.

21. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read and approved.

22. Olney T. Meader and Owen Dame, were appointed to fill the vacancies occurring in the Trustees of the Mosher Fund.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon.

Seventh-day Afternoon.

Friends assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

23. A communication has been received by this Meeting, which, according to our custom, we place in the hands of a few Friends to examine and report at a future time, and we appoint for that service William O. Newhall, William P. Pinkham, Hannah J. Bailey, Eliza P. Pierce, and Alfred H. Jones.

24. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report, viz. : —

To the Yearly Meeting :

The Foreign Mission Committee would submit to the Yearly Meeting the report of the work at Ramallah as furnished by our friend, Etta H. Johnston. She says : —

At the commencement of the report for the past year, we wish to acknowledge the loving kindness of God.

Although we were called during that time to live without our dear Mission Mother, Huldah H. Leighton, yet He has guided and guarded and, like the loving Father His children know Him to be, has *more* than answered our petitions for His aid.

The Mission Monthly Meeting has just started upon the third year of its existence. Seven new names have been added to our list of thirty-two already upon record — four by birth and three by request. Of the latter, one is the new Syrian teacher, who will probably prove a blessing to the meeting, and the others are a native and his wife — people who have long attended our meetings and have given evidence of having begun the Christian life.

The meetings for worship are well attended. The business meetings have continued to improve in respect to order and method, until now they quite resemble the quiet, orderly business meetings of New England.

The average attendance at the Sabbath morning Meetings is sixty-five, — a small increase upon last year's number. Perhaps in no place have the loving words and wise counsel of our dear Huldah Leighton been more sadly missed than in these meetings. However, the presence of the "Great Head of the Church" has often been felt, and new voices have sometimes been heard in prayer or exhortation. These Sabbath Meetings have been a source of strength and blessing to many. Our Monthly Meetings' Treasurer still continues to take up a collection once each month, and the little amounts which the people are able to give from their small means are given cheerfully and even joyfully. In our last Monthly Meeting the Treasurer reported one hundred and seventy francs in the treasury. The people have the same object in view as before — that of aiding their dear New England Friends when they are ready to build for them a meeting-house.

In Tenth Month, the members of various classes that had in past years met for Bible study in different places and at different times, were brought together and organized into a Sabbath School, such as those we have in

New England. It is held in the meeting-room, from three to four each Sabbath afternoon, and thus far has been one of the happiest and most profitable hours of the week. There is no other Sabbath School of the kind in all Palestine.

The average number of attendants since organizing has been fifty-four. These are arranged into eight classes — four for adults and the same number for children. Both teachers and scholars display eagerness in imparting or receiving the lessons, and it is a beautiful sight to see the little people, some of them seated upon the straw mats, looking up into the earnest faces of their teachers, as they apply the Bible truths to their young lives.

The fathers and mothers, also, sitting with their heads covered with red and yellow turbans, or with long, white, cotton veils, seem like children in their simplicity and willingness, or rather eagerness, to learn. The Bible is becoming precious to some of these. The way they carry it about on the Sabbath and study it before groups of their Greek and Latin friends, seems a proof that they are proud of the Christians' sacred book. Once a month, we have given cards and religious papers to the school. The papers are in Arabic, and were obtained last autumn for the asking from the Children's Special Service Mission, of London. Many of the natives, who are Greek by religion, while they cannot be induced to enter the meeting-room, will stand outside, and when the school is over ask those who can to read their papers in their hearing upon the corner of the street. Arabic literature is a good aid to the work, both in the Sabbath School and Training Home.

The former interest has been kept up in our Fifth-day evening prayer meetings. The people who attend, so completely fill the school-room where they are held, that we find it necessary to do without the presence of the Training Home girls, except a few of the oldest. Most of the workers and several of the natives take part in these meetings, and we find them hours of blessing.

The Mothers' Meetings are carried on with much earnestness by our Dispenser's wife, who was formerly our teacher Emily. They are held twice a week — in the eastern and western parts of the village, alternately.

A few extra meetings were held in the house of Jurious Kuddoorah, one of our teachers, we believe, with profit. The number of women who attend the regular Women's Meetings is eighteen. Those who once get into the habit of attending, seldom remain away if it is in their power to be present. The mothers bring their infants, and many their baskets of wheat to look over while they listen. A small part of the two hours is devoted to teaching the young mothers how to read from the Bible and all are taught portions of Scripture by heart.

Since there was no way to heat the meeting-room, Emily invited the women, when the weather was very cold, to her own little upper room near by, which, with her husband, she had consecrated to the Lord upon entering it after her marriage. In these meetings the interest in that which is good and pure and right is increasing. We notice a slow but sure change for the better in the homes and lives of the down-trodden women, at least those who have been brought under the Mission's influence.

One evening of each week is spent in teaching the children of the schools and the older people hymns. They seem to enjoy singing, especially the men and children. So quickly do they catch the words and music that in the past two years they have learned by heart over half a hundred hymns.

Since the interesting examination and concert last year, the people of Ramallah have shown an increased interest in our schools. Many are begging to have their little girls taken into the Training Home and made useful and good. Ever the answer is given them: " There is no room." May God hasten the day when there will be room for many, that they may be trained for Christian teachers or wives of the future. The condition of Palestine in the future depends so much upon the training of the boys and girls of the day! So rapid has been the change for the better in the few girls now in the Training Home, that we are longing to bring more from the miserable Moslem villages and teach them of Christ, the children's Friend. Now that the people of Ramallah have seen the good effect Christianity and education are having upon their daughters, they are asking for the same blessing for their sons. Often they say to us: " Why do not your people provide a Training Home for our boys? Please, will you tell them that we love our boys, too, and want them, also, to be trained rightly." How all would rejoice if, in the near future, we could see upon this " Hill of God " in Bible lands, Training Homes for both boys and girls! We pray that our God, whose work it is, may, in His own good way, provide that the children may be taught the way of salvation, and go out from Ramallah a blessing to their country.

The twenty girls in the Training Home have made excellent progress in their studies, housework, knitting, and sewing. When we began school in Tenth Month, there was a vacant place caused by the death of one of the most promising of our girls, Bookreyeh Nickhoo. She died during summer vacation while at her home in Haifa. When this child first entered the Home, one short year before her death, none was, or could be, in greater need of training. Since she was obedient and diligent in duty, she made marked improvement. During the spring term, she had given evidence of a change of heart from her life and conversation. We believe she is now safe in heaven with the Saviour whom she confessed and loved on earth. Her death made a deep impression upon her school-mates, and since that time some have appeared more thoughtful regarding sacred things. Bookreyeh's place was filled with a little girl six years old belonging to a Friend in our own village. This child, Ahzeezie Rafeedie, is now the youngest in the Home. Always happy as a little bird, healthy, innocent, and pretty, she is the pet of the school. Together with the rest of the little ones, she has committed to memory six chapters from the Bible, besides many other things.

In Fourth Month, a short time before Huldah H. Leighton left us, a new teacher, Martha Nusr by name, came from Baalbec to assist in the Training Home work. She is beloved by all and has done noble work for the Mission during the year. Much care has been taken by both Martha and our head teacher, Katie, to have the children thorough in all they do. Some new tasks have been added during the past year, such as assisting in the weekly washing, preparing bread for baking, and cutting and fitting their simple clothing. We are able to say of these girls that nearly all are very fond of both work and study. Although there is still vast room for improvement, their progress has been so rapid and satisfactory in respect to thoroughness, that the Training Home work is among the pleasantest and most hopeful of all. A part of each morning is spent in reciting English, and in these lessons they are joined this year by the larger of the boys from the Day School. The children display much cleverness in picking up our language, especially since the beginning of the winter term of school, when a rule was made obliging all to speak English every Sixth day, have they made rapid improvement.

The daily scripture lessons with the children are exceedingly interesting, and their intelligent questions and answers show plainly that they are getting an excellent foundation for the Spirit's work. The older girls are quick to perceive the application of scripture truths to their lives.

Every child has thoroughly committed to memory one verse of scripture every day, except during vacation and Seventh-days, since the autumn term began. Some of our dear girls have begun to live for Christ. We firmly believe that in answer to your prayers and ours, all will in time be brought into His fold.

There are twenty-one boys now in the Day School. The Greek priests have started a school for boys, and during the past two years have succeeded in forcing the fathers of our boys to send them to receive their erroneous teaching. Those who remain are mostly from Greek families, but are related to the Friends, or those who come under the Mission's influence. Although these boys have made fair progress, yet we cannot report as much satisfaction in this as in the Training Home work, since home influences counteract much of the good teaching which they get at school.

Our Girls' Day School is now under the care of Helanie Totah, who was formerly in the Training Home, and last year assistant teacher. Her girls number twenty-eight with an average of nineteen. They have been examined once a month, and as good work has been done as can be expected, when we remember the relation each girl bears to her home — that of a slave. Much scripture has been taught these children, also hymns, which some of them sing in their wretched cave homes.

Six months during the year the evening school for men was kept. Those who attended regularly did excellent work under the teaching of ever-faithful Jurious Kuddoorah. He met his pupils in the boys' schoolroom three evenings of each week and spent two and often three hours with them. The men of this school are all members of the Friends' Society. Two of them began the alphabet and are now able to read any chapter in the New Testament. Besides reading, — spelling, writing, and arithmetic were taught, and the lessons were followed by a few moments of silence and then prayer was offered, either by Jurious or one of his pupils, in conclusion.

It affords much pleasure to report the work of the Medical Department this year. It has done nobly for the sick, notwithstanding the sorely-felt need of a hospital. The new Doctor seems admirably adapted to the place and is loved and honored by the people.

Several times during the winter the Doctor and Dispenser met from fifteen to twenty of the native men in the "Guest Room" of the village, and spoke to them upon the subjects of love, peace in and between families, cleanliness as conducive to health, etc.

During the year thirty-six villages were visited for medical treatment, more than thirty-six hundred prescriptions were made up at the Dispensary, and over ninety surgical operations (nearly all successful) were performed. The income from medical visits was twenty-two hundred francs. For medicine four hundred francs were paid out, while the income at the Dispensary amounted to eight hundred fifty-six francs. A clinic was held as formerly, three days each week, when the Doctor and Dispenser devoted fifteen minutes to Bible-reading and prayer. While receiving prescriptions or waiting for remedies for their bodies, patients were often spoken to separately about the Great Physician, who alone can cure the worst of all diseases — sin.

Six persons, belonging to a family of seven, some of whom are Friends, were ill at the same time with typhoid fever. Since there was no hope of their recovering, situated as they were in their one cold, damp room, and since there was no hospital, we gave them the use of the boys' school-room and sent the school to the meeting-room for one month. They have since been overwhelmed with gratitude for the help, and are ever seeking to show it by kind deeds and words. Care was taken to have the school-room thoroughly cleansed before again using it for the children. Death removed from the afflicted family their aged mother, with whom some of the workers were privileged to have some earnest talks, the result of which is left with God. The others recovered, and now one of the brothers has changed a worldly life for that of a Christian and has applied for membership with Friends.

The appearance of cholera in the northern part of Palestine necessitated the placing of soldiers at every important road in the country.

Our Mission Physician was called upon by the Government to attend the nearest quarantine three times a week. It was stationed at a village called Singel, midway between Jerusalem and Nablous and four and one-half hours northeast of Ramallah. The doctor began his visits Tenth Month 21st and ended them the first of Second Month, at which time the quarantine was raised.

Since the last report, scarlet fever, measles, and influenza have prevailed more than other diseases. In our own village, seventy-three children died with scarlet fever and forty-eight with measles. If there had been a hospital in which to take them, probably most of these could have been saved.

Measles and influenza were raging at the same time among the children of the Training Home and doctor's family. Many of the workers also were ill with the latter; but since much depended upon good nursing as well as medical treatment, all completely recovered, although some cases were indeed critical and caused much anxiety. Only the strongest can hope to survive in such houses or caves as the native people inhabit here.

Prayer goes up from the Mission, as well as from many New England homes, that God will speed the day when there will be a hospital raised upon this hill.

In medical mission work, Palestine people, even the most prejudiced among the Moslems, can and do see the practical love of Christians. Bestowing, as it does, deeds of love together with the words, it affords an admirable opportunity for spreading Christianity.

At Christmas time the preparations and performances at the Mission were the same as last year, and it was a happy, joyous time for all. Simple prizes were given to the boys and girls of the day schools whose attendance was regular, and Bibles and hymn books were presented to eight of the Training Home children for superior conduct during the year.

On Christmas day a special Bible service was profitably held in the sitting-room of the Mission building. Our Christmas vacation lasted ten days, and was mostly devoted to receiving calls from the Ramallah people. Those who came numbered over a hundred. Unlike former years, the men called by families or tribes, each numbering about fifteen. The women came as usual by twos or threes, with their children.

Last autumn, the Mission vineyard yielded over six hundred ruttles of grapes (about 3,600 lbs.)—more than in former years. About half of these were stored for winter use in the form of raisins, molasses and jam. This spring the vineyard has been ploughed and pruned in the same manner as it was one year ago.

The fig, almond, pomegranate, and other trees give promise of yielding much fruit for the Training Home in the coming autumn.

Barley was sown in every available place, and is growing nicely.

Nimer, the faithful Arabian Mission horse, has done excellent service for the medical department during the past year, and although twelve years old, seems strong and ready for more.

We have been cheered and gladdened by visits from three of the Brumana workers, some of our dear English Friends, and several missionaries from this and other countries.

As this paper starts upon its long journey over the sea, it leaves every member of your Mission family well and happy. Let it bear to New England Friends the message that God is ever with us, and may He keep them also, as He has kept us, in the hollow of His hand.

The Committee are impressed with the responsibility laid upon Friends in the open door which the Lord has set before them in these Bible lands.

So many requests to receive girls into the Home have to be refused for lack of room, that the Committee feel that some enlargement of the Mission building is necessary.

A plan of the same having been procured, the Chairman was directed to present the subject and its needs to the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,
RUTH S. MURRAY, *Secretary.*

This Report has been interesting and cheering to us, and we rejoice in the renewed evidence furnished, that the Lord has blessed our work, and that our Mission is a centre from which the light of the Gospel is emanating and gradually penetrating the surrounding darkness. The Committee ask for $4,000.00 to carry on the work another year.

We refer the nomination of a Committee to carry on the work to the Joint Nominating Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS FOR NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, *in account with* WILLIAM T. HUSSEY, *Treasurer.*

CONDENSED REPORT.

Receipts from Subscriptions		$4,399 34
Amount drawn from deposit in Bank		853 75
		$5,253 09
Disbursements	$4,351 75	
On hand for Building Fund	901 34	
		$5,253 09

Examined vouchers and found correct.

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Auditor.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month, 11, 1892.

We acknowledge with gratitude the reception of a beautiful copy of Webster's International Dictionary donated by the publishers, G. & C. Merriam, Springfield, Mass., also of an excellent scale presented by the manufacturers, E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., St. Albans, Vt.

Both of these useful presents are in daily use at the Mission at Ramallah.

25. The Report of the Committee on Gospel Work was now presented and read, and is as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK FOR THE YEAR ENDING SIXTH MONTH, 9TH, 1892.

DEAR FRIENDS, — Under a sense of the goodness of the Lord in blessing us in the gospel, we come to you with our annual report. "Truly, the harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Our concern seemed to present to us the great vital questions which lie at the threshold of church obligations and duty, viz.: The practical, systematic, and economical use of all the forces of the Yearly Meeting, which are called of the Lord into either pastoral or evangelistic work; and the bringing of these into action in harmony with the Divine will, and under the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit, so as to involve the responsibility of the Church, and bring into exercise the gifts conferred upon it. We found nearly all our meetings destitute of any systematic plan for keeping themselves alive, and building up the membership.

We have failed in our plan to have all our meetings blessed with special work. We could not send our workers indiscriminately into every meeting, and we were embarrassed by the general prevailing sickness, and, for want of means, were obliged to suspend our work at the most important time. By the reports received from the Friends appointed in each Quarterly Meeting to have the care of the work, we learn that the concern of the Committee has been largely attended to.

Nearly all our meetings have been visited. In some places meetings lasting two days or so have been held, and very many families have been visited, and the newly converted and renewed have been more generally looked after, encouraged, and instructed than heretofore. A large number of those who have claimed Christ as their Saviour are holding on to their profession. Some of our meetings that have no resident minister have been regularly supplied with a minister or other active worker, and a large amount of pastoral work of an incidental character has been done. Nearly all the reports that have reached us are encouraging, in regard to the work of the Lord. From these reports of the Quarterly Meeting Superintendents, we present, as a result of our work, the following, viz.:—

Number of meetings visited	63
Series of meetings	11
Number of meetings held	722
Families visited	625
Number of professed conversions	324
Number of renewals	122
Number claiming sanctification	80
Meetings that report gain over last year	12
Number of requests for membership	126
Meetings kept up in school-houses throughout the year	4

Bible readings, meetings for children, temperance, and foreign missions have been held with good results. While we would be careful in our reports not to exaggerate, we believe we can say, to the glory of God, that our work has been blessed with more spirituality, and the currents of Divine Life have been broader and deeper than last year. In conclusion, we will say that our observation and experience teaches us that some form of systematic service must be instituted and carried out, in order, rightly and fully to accomplish satisfactory results in pastoral care of the flocks in the liberty and life of the Spirit.

Many of our meetings are in need of an efficient, resident minister who has the gift of a pastor. Meetings of this kind are located in cities and in the country where non-members and strangers attend, large meetings, especially with many young people and children, and places where meetings may be gathered away from Friends' neighborhoods. We recommend to the Church the consideration of this important subject. We gratefully acknowledge the uniform kindness shown us, and all the workers, the readiness of meetings and individuals to co-operate with us in all our work, the self-sacrificing devotion of those who have gone forth to labor, the liberality by which Friends have supplemented the consecrated means given at last Yearly Meeting, and the general unity which has prevailed.

With a living sense of gratitude we render an ascription of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord our God who by His Holy Spirit has led, sustained, and strengthened us, and has given power and success to all, as they have gone forth preaching Jesus and Him crucified.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee.

DAVID J. DOUGLAS, *General Supt.*

P. S. — It is the judgment of the Committee that ($2,000) two thousand dollars is needed to carry on the work the coming year.

DAVID J. DOUGLAS.

This deeply interesting report was satisfactory to the Meeting. We feel that a great deal of work has been done by the Committee with cheering results. It was concluded to continue the work under the care of a Committee, the nomination of which is referred to the Joint Nominating Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF GOSPEL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

1891, Sixth Month, 12, Balance from last year	$34 46
1891, Sixth Month, 14, Cash returned	10 00
1891, Sixth Month, 17, Cash by Subscriptions	535 65
1892, Second Month, 16, Cash from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting,	50 00
1891, Ninth Month, 5, to Sixth Month, 10, 1892, from Monthly Meetings	412 77
	$1,042 88

EXPENDED.

For Gospel Work	$958 25
Balance on hand	84 63
	$1,042 88

JOSEPH E. BRIGGS, *Treasurer.*

26. The subject of providing a central location for holding the sessions of the Yearly Meeting, which was referred to the Representative Meeting last year, was brought under consideration in the report of that Meeting. While we are aware that the hallowed associations of the past, centre at Newport, we still feel that the exigencies of the present require a central position for the sessions of the Yearly Meeting. Desirous of moving with due care and deliberation in such an important matter, the Meeting decided to hold its sessions next year at Lynn, Mass., it being understood that all legal questions connected with the subject should be referred to the Representative Meeting about to be appointed, and all necessary arrangements for holding the Meeting next year should be under their care. In case the proposition to meet in Lynn should prove unadvisable, the Representative Meeting shall have power and authority to summon the Yearly Meeting to meet at Portland, Me., as heretofore, at the usual time.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions Second-day morning, at ten o'clock.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, 13th.

Met in separate session pursuant to adjournment.

27. The names of the Representatives being called, they were all present except ten, for the absence of seven of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

28. The committee for that purpose presented the following report, which is approved by the Meeting, viz. : —

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

We, the Committee appointed to examine certain papers addressed to the Clerks of the Yearly Meeting, report that we have examined the same, and as they refer to a matter which came before the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in 1885, and which according to the records of the Yearly Meeting that year was properly disposed of, we are united in the conclusion that they should not be read in the Yearly Meeting.

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL.
WILLIAM P. PINKHAM.
HANNAH J. BAILEY.
ELIZA P. PIERCE.
ALFRED H. JONES.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 13th, 1892.

29. The Joint Nominating Committee presented the names of Friends to constitute Committees on the following lines of work, viz.: The Yearly Meeting School at Providence, Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, Foreign Missions, and Gospel Work, all of which separately considered, were approved by the Meeting. The names of these Committees with their organizations will appear later in the Minutes.

30. Epistles were now read from Indiana, Western, Iowa, Ohio, and Kansas Yearly Meetings, and from Ramallah Monthly Meeting. The epistle from Ramallah has been especially interesting to us, and has encouraged our hearts in the work in which as a Yearly Meeting we are engaged in Bible lands.

31. The Trustees of the Mosher Fund submitted the following report, which has been approved viz.: —

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The income for the year ending Sixth Month, 1892, has been, From the City of Boston Bond	$500 00
Paid to J. E. Paige, Treasurer of the Committee on the income of this fund	$500 00
The fund is invested in one City of Boston 5% Bond . . .	$10,000 00
New Bedford Institution for Savings	950 87
Lynn Institution for Savings	2,272 51
	$13,223 38

Being the amount received from the late trustee, Charles F. Coffin. One year's interest on Savings Banks Deposits has not been collected.

OLNEY T. MEADER, } *Trustees.*
OWEN DAME, }

Newport, Sixth Month, 11, 1892.

32. The following proposition from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has been referred to the Representatives in attendance of this meeting, viz.: This Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting to make a new apportionment of Yearly Meeting stock among the several Quarterly Meetings.

33. The proposition to change the name of the Representative Meeting has been referred to the Representatives in attendance of this Yearly Meeting.

34. The following propositions from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting have been referred to the Representatives to this Meeting, viz.: —

This Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting that the words "as a beverage" be stricken out of the fifth query, also that "growing" in the last part of the second unanswered query be stricken out.

35. It is the conclusion of this Meeting that the following proposition from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, be referred to a Committee of men and women Friends. They are to give the subject their prayerful consideration and report to the Meeting next year. The nomination of this Committee is referred to the Nominating Committee.

This Meeting requests the Yearly Meeting to consider the subject of spiritual gifts with reference to the definite recognition and acknowledgment of a greater variety of those gifts than heretofore.

36. Request from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.

It is the conclusion of this Meeting that a request be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting that a protest should be forwarded from that body to the authorities having charge of the proposed World's Fair at Chicago against the opening of the exhibition on the First day of the week, and also that all consistent means should be used for the suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors in or about the Fair grounds.

We are united in referring to a Committee of men and women Friends to prepare a suitable memorial to be signed by the Clerks of this Meeting and forwarded to the President of the United States, Senate, and House of Representatives now in session at Washington, also to the Commissioners of the Columbian Exposition at Chicago.

The nomination of this Committee is referred to the Committee on Nominations.

37. The subject of the outrages committed upon members of our Religious Society in Alaska, and the sufferings of Friends and others there, in consequence of the liquor traffic, claimed our serious consideration and the Meeting was united in entering our protest against the proposed Bill now before Congress, to license the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to petition the President of the United States, Senate, and House of Representatives, that said Bill may not be passed, and also that such officers may be appointed, that the present law in the Territory may be faithfully enforced.

The draft of a petition is referred to the Temperance Committee.

38. The Statistical Accounts, received from our several Quarterly Meetings, were now read, and are as follows, viz. : —

STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Number reported last year.	Error in last year's report. — Gain.	Error in last year's report. — Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number of Members.
Rhode Island .	843	0	0	7	15	11	2	53	12	42	0	885
Salem	696	0	0	3	17	16	6	16	14	0	2	694
Sandwich . .	578	3	0	1	20	0	3	3	2	0	18	560
Falmouth . .	571	0	0	5	21	11	14	18	12	0	13	555
Smithfield . .	342	0	1	0	8	0	2	1	16	0	26	316
Vassalboro . .	496	0	0	4	11	2	3	19	1	10	0	506
Dover	196	0	1	1	3	0	3	4	4	0	6	190
Fairfield . . .	537	0	9	5	12	2	7	28	17	0	10	527
Parsonsfield . .	157	3	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	3	0	160
Total . . .	4416	6	11	28	109	42	41	143	78	55	75	4393
Net Loss . .											23	

STATISTICS OF CHILDREN.

	Number of children between 4 and 21.	Number of children between 12 and 21.	Number attending School.	Number attending School taught or controlled by Friends.	Number attending School taught or controlled by Friends, between 12 and 21.
Rhode Island	153	87	116	20	16
Salem	117	76	102	10	7
Sandwich	78	42	42	14	9
Falmouth	98	46	79	13	10
Smithfield	28	21	27	5	0
Vassalboro	65	55	40	7	7
Dover	22	14	17	2	2
Fairfield	54	30	42	6	2
Parsonsfield	31	15	28	0	3
Total	646	386	493	77	56

39. This Meeting is united in referring to the Representatives the consideration of such changes in our Discipline as will help our Monthly Meetings in the right action relating to removals of our members from our limits.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Afternoon.

Met in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

40. A communication having been received addressed to this Meeting, we place the same in the hands of William O. Newhall and Augustine Jones to examine and report to the Meeting.

41. The civilization and religious improvement of the Indians west of the Mississippi River have long claimed the attention of our Meeting.

The Committee appointed to that service have presented the following report, viz. : —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Efforts to Christianize and civilize our Native Americans are weighted by the bad influence of some white people who have rushed in upon

Indian lands (now opened to settlement) bringing with them the vices of many years. The past year has had its successes and defeats, but the gains have outweighed the losses.

From the report of the Associated Executive Committee we learn that the meetings established previous to the last annual report have been maintained throughout the year, and to these have been added: Oak Grove near the Iowa meeting, Tecumseh, near Shawneetown; Miami City near the Ottawa meeting, Cayuga near the Seneca meeting.

Nearly all the Bible Schools report, that portions of Scripture are committed to memory and repeated; such as the Twenty-third Psalm, the First Psalm, and other selections. Some of the meetings and Bible schools are learning to contribute to the support of missions, and one at least sent a few dollars to the Russian Famine Fund. Within a year, good, plain, substantial buildings for meeting and school purposes, twenty-two by thirty-four feet in size, have been built at Tecumseh and Cayuga. Some of the means contributed for the erection of both these houses have been made by members and others living in the vicinity.

On the Cayuga house there remains a debt of one hundred and eighty dollars. The other is free from debt. John and Eliza Watson have charge of Skiatook Mission; their daughter Eva with an assistant conducts the school. There were twenty-four deaths in the vicinity within four months, but the meeting and school have prospered.

A very much needed addition has been made to the school-house, doubling its capacity, and greatly increasing the usefulness of the school. These seven buildings (counting that for the Modoc station as two), added to those reported last year, give us now nine comfortable dwellings, and eleven good school and meeting houses.

Ten men are engaged in religious labor among these meetings, of whom eight have the very important aid of their wives, and there are four other women acting as missionary teachers. All the Friends labor in part for their own support, the men taking an active part in the construction and repair of the buildings they use.

The Cayuga meeting has been built up largely by John and Lucy Winney (Indian members), who put up a house on an allotment of two acres. The meeting has averaged about sixty in attendance since the erection of the house. Chas. W. Goddard and wife were removed from the Senecas to the Modoc Mission last Ninth Month. This band is now reduced to sixty-six in number. Several have gone back to their old home in Oregon, and others have died. They are more industrious than most of the Indians, and are religious, though much exposed to the temptations of the border towns.

In the allotment of land to these Indians, the location heretofore occupied by our Mission home was given to one of the tribes, and the allotment to the Society, for church and school purposes, was made three quarters of a mile distant. The abandoned Government school-house, which had been used for meeting and school purposes, was purchased for a small sum. This house was moved to the allotment and remodeled (by

C. W. Goddard) which, with a small addition, makes a dwelling with five rooms for the Mission family, and a meeting-room that will seat comfortably one hundred and forty (140) persons, at a cost of about five hundred dollars. Shade trees have been set out, and grape vines and fruit trees planted. The Mission is pleasantly located, and is one of the best Mission homes in the Territory.

Soon after the buildings were completed, a series of revival meetings were held, with little interruption for five weeks, by C. W. Goddard, assisted by Jeremiah Hubbard and Robert Quiggin. As a result, the tribe is better united, and their testimonies and prayers more frequent. Besides attending meeting at the Modocs, our Missionary attends regularly several in other localities.

By Act of May 2, 1890, Congress divided the Indian Territory, and created the Territory of Oklahoma out of the western portion thereof, with the public land strip north of Kansas and Colorado, otherwise known as No-man's Land.

The new Indian Territory is that part of the United States occupied by the Cherokee, Creek, Chickasaw, Choctaw, and Seminole nations, known as the five civilized tribes, and by several tribes in the Quapaw Agency, contiguous to the northeast corner of the Cherokee Nation. Nearly all the tribes, with the exception of the five civilized, have taken their allotment, and the remainder of nearly all the reservations has been opened to white settlement.

In several places the introduction of the whites, who have largely outnumbered the Indians, are, some of them, more dangerous to good government (however wild and uncivilized the Indians are). Especially is this true in the new Territory of Oklahoma, where Shawneetown is situated.

From letters received, we are informed that the Shawnees have received their last money from Government for the sale of their lands. Some of them are using it to good purposes, buying wagons, harnesses, agricultural implements, and fencing their lands. The new town, Tecumseh, three miles from Shawneetown, had nearly as many saloons as business houses a few months ago. They sell to Indians without restraint, and drunkenness prevails. The terrible tide carries many away.

Through the efforts of Dr. Kirk, a house for school and meeting purposes was soon erected, and sixty children are being taught in it every day, by Robert W. Hodsdon, a minister of the Society of Friends. Another minister, William Neal, felt called to work here. As no means were available for his support, the Missionaries share their support with him. He visits from house to house every day.

All the workers are doing their best, looking to the Master for direction and strength. John and Mary Mardock continue their earnest labor of love at the Iowa Mission. The teacher, Lina B. Lunt, from our own Yearly Meeting, makes one of the family. (She is supported by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.)

This tribe has suffered great disturbance from the allotment of their lands, and intoxicants sold in the border towns. Yet souls have been won and built up in the faith. The Mission house is built of logs, situated in a low place, wholly unsuitable to live in. As Friends did not begin work at the Iowas until after the passage of the Dawes Land-in-Severalty Bill, the allotting agent would not set apart the land, where our improvements have been made, to Friends' use.

Notwithstanding this, John Mardock has made the first claim to the land as a homesteader, and we hope to purchase the land in the near future, for which money has been raised by one of our number to the amount of $96, and enough appropriated by the committee to raise the sum to $200. We need $400 for this purpose.

John Mardock has also visited the Kickapoos once a month. On one visit he found them painted and engaging in a war dance. The arrest of some of their young men for drunkenness (after the white men had been licensed to sell whiskey to them) was the cause of this. They said they might as well kill the Marshal, and then all get killed, as to live this way. John, however, quieted them, and they now are interested in building a meeting-house.

In the recent troubles in the Northwest, a very little thing brought on that war, when two hundred persons were killed and one million dollars expended.

General Morgan, Commissioner of Indian affairs says: "Untold good has already been done by the churches, through distinctively missionary work, and that there never has been a time in the history of the Indians, when they were so susceptible as now to religious influences."

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is three thousand five hundred dollars. We recommend that five hundred and twenty-five dollars be appropriated as our quota of this sum. We also ask that the treasury of our own Committee be replenished, not only by a collection in our Yearly Meeting, but also by efforts to be made in all our Monthly Meetings to the amount of $1,000.

On behalf of the Committee,

MYRA E. FRYE, *Secretary.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 13th, 1892.

We rejoice in the blessed results that have crowned their earnest labors and greatly desire their encouragement in this important service.

The nomination of a Committee to have the care of this concern is referred to the Joint Nominating Committee.

COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS, TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Collection at Yearly Meeting, 1891	$566 56	
From Bible Schools	24 76	
From Monthly Meetings	356 07	
From special collections	123 05	
	———	$1,070 44

PAYMENTS.

Missionary support	$465 00	
Building purposes	400 00	
Allotment of land at Iowa Mission	200 00	
Balance on hand	5 44	
		$1,070 44

SAMUEL BUFFUM, *Treasurer.*

42. The Committee appointed to examine certain papers (see Minute 40 of this year) reported that the paper contained a request that the Yearly Meeting re-consider its decision in the appeal case from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, acted upon in 1885, as recorded in the Women's Minutes of that year, on pages 62 and 68.

This Meeting is united in referring the case to the Representative Meeting to be appointed.

43. The Report of the Bible School Committee was read and is as follows, viz. : —

TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS:

In submitting our report we shall deal with the condition and work of the Bible schools during the year, without attempt at comparison with years previous.

An endeavor has been made to collect reports from every school in the Yearly Meeting, and with a good degree of success, but few schools having failed to respond.

At the beginning of the year our Committee was organized in a manner somewhat different from usual, by the appointment of a general superintendent and a superintendent for each Quarterly Meeting, these being in addition to the chairman, secretary, and treasurer. It is to the interest of the Quarterly Meeting superintendents that is largely due our success in securing full reports from each quarter. We also fully appreciate the promptness of local superintendents in the matter.

THE STATISTICAL REPORT thus prepared is herewith submitted.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Quarterly Meeting.	Local Name of School.	Superintendent's Name and Address.	Monthly Meeting.	Membership of Schools.	Average Attendance.	Number of Friends.	Number of Classes.	No. Evidencing Change of Heart During year.	Is Religious Interest Increasing?	Teacher's Meetings Held.	Number Volumes in Library.	Number Books Added During Year.	Lesson Helps Used.	Papers Distributed.	Total Number of Papers Distributed.	Temperance Lessons.	Peace Lessons.	Number Mos. of School.	Observance of Children's Day.
Rhode Island.	Portsmouth	Dr. Benj. Greene, Portsmouth, R. I.	Rhode Island	40	40	Mostly 35 (?)	7	3	Yes	No	300	0	Peloubet	2 kinds	576	4	0	12	No
	Newport	R. C. Wetherell, 52 Third St., Newport, R. I.	Rhode Island	50	20	12	4	4	No	No	450	20	Pilgrim	2 kinds	1000	12	0	12	No
	E. Greenwich	Lydia Drinkwater, E. Greenwich, R. I.	Greenwich	12	8	7	2	1	..	....	132	..	Friends	None	.	..	..	..	..
	Fall River	Herbert A. Skinner, Fall River, Mass.	Swansea	97	57	45	10	..	Good	Not regular	297	12	5 kinds	5 kinds	2650	4	0	12	No
	Somerset	Charles E. Sherman, Pottersville, Mass.	Swansea	71	42	41	8	..	Yes	No	..	..	2 kinds	4 kinds	..	4	0	12	No
	Lower Smithfield	Louisa N. Meader, 33 Barton St., Pawtucket, R. I.	Providence	30	19	9	4	..	Yes	....	100	100	2 kinds	4 kinds	500	4	1	12	Yes
	Providence	Robert F. Gifford, Box 453, Providence, R. I.	Providence	23	13	23	2	..	..	No	200	0	Children's Mag.	None	0	0	0	9	No
	Friends' School	Augustine Jones, Principal	Providence	209	160	55	9	12	Yes	....	..	..	Pilgrim	....	..	..	..	..	..
	Hopkinton	Wm. T. Collins, Hopkinton, R. I.	So. Kingston	20	15	12	2	0	No	No	400	0	Peloubet	None	0	4	0	12	No
		Totals		552	374	239	48	20			1879	132			4726				
Salem.	Boston	Lindsay S. Jones, "The Clyde," Isabella St., Boston,	Boston	57	32	38	6	2	Think so	Weekly	220	12	Peloubet	2 kinds	800	0	0	12	No
	Lawrence	S. Swett, Ayer's Village, Haverhill	Boston	75	65	52	6	1	Think so	No	76	3	2 kinds	4 kinds	4000	4	3	12	No
	Lowell	David Hanna, 46 Dalton St., Lowell	Boston	12	9	5	1	..	Yes	....	..	..	....	....	..	..	..	5	..
	Salem	Geo. H. Jones, Highland Ave., Salem, Mass.	Salem	24	18	24	2	..	..	....	50	16	2 kinds	Friends	200	2	1	12	No
	Lynn	Geo. C. Herbert, Lynn, Mass.	Salem	148	92	66	16	2	No	Not regular	875	45	3 kinds	3 kinds	2440	2	0	12	Yes
	East Lynn Chapel	C. E. Bishop, 193 Essex St., Lynn, Mass.	Salem	142	86	32	16	..	Yes	....	300	100	Peloubet	2 kinds	2900	..	..	12	Yes
	West Epping	Moses O. Nichols, W. Epping, N. H.	Amesbury	12	9	12	2	..	..	....	..	..	2 kinds	....	..	..	..	..	No
	Amesbury	Daniel C. Maxfield, Amesbury, Mass.	Amesbury	51	33	30	5	..	Yes	No	200	25	2 kinds	4 kinds	1000	4	0	12	No
	So. Pittsfield	A. N. Peaslee, So. Pittsfield, N. H.	Amesbury	38	25	3	4	1	Just so	No	40	35	Peloubet	Friends	720	4	..	12	No
	Henniker	Nathan P. Buxton, Henniker, N. H.	Weare	17	9	10	2	..	Yes	....	110	0	Friends	3 kinds	..	4	..	12	No
	No. Weare	Samuel O. Nichols, No. Weare, N. H.	Weare	22	17	15	2	..	No	No	500	..	2 kinds	3 kinds	..	4	..	12	No
	Clinton Grove	D. R. Chase, E. Deering, N. H.	Weare	15	7	12	2	0	No	No	175	50	Friends	Friends	..	4	2	12	No
		Totals		613	402	299	64	6			2546	286			12060				
Sandwich.	Acushnet	Adelaide V. Wilbur, Acushnet, Mass.	New Bedford	14	10	10	1	..	..	No	200	..	Friends	4 kinds	300	4	..	12	No
	New Bedford	N. W. Gifford, New Bedford, Mass.	New Bedford	120	85	20	12	..	..	....	300	..	....	1 kind	1200	1 or 2	..	10	No
	Mattapoisett	Joshua L. Macomber, E. Mattapoisett, Mass.	New Bedford	26	19	7	2	3	Yes	Quarterly	544	26	Friends	Friends	1040	12	12	12	No
	Long Plain	Richard Davis, Long Plain, Mass.	New Bedford	25	13	20	3	..	..	No	369	No	Friends	3 kinds	360	..	..	12	No
	Allen's Neck	Henry A. Allen, Dartmouth, Mass.	Dartmouth	92	49	23	10	2	No	No	259	4	Peloubet	3 kinds	..	12	0	12	No
	Smith's Neck	E. L. Faunce, So. Dartmouth, Mass.	Dartmouth	53	26	12	6	..	No	No	200	0	Peloubet	4 kinds	480	4	0	11	No
	Central Village	Lydia Gifford, Adamsville, R. I.	Westport	41	35	39	5	2	Yes	No	..	0	2 kinds	1 kind	..	4	1	11	No
		Totals		371	237	131	39	7			1872	30			3380				

Falmouth.	Lewiston	Josiah B. Holder, 205 College St., Lewiston, Me.	Lewiston	60	50	35	9	0	Yes	No	150	0	Peloubet	1 kind	1500	3	2	12	Yes
	Portland	Lewis M. Douglas, Portland, Me.	Falmouth	82	49	59	8	..	Yes	No	309	16	Friends	No	0	4	0	12	No
	Deering	Ella A. Winslow, Westbrook, Me.	Falmouth	40	13	19	3	..	..	....	100	0	2 kinds	4 kinds	300	4	..	12	No
	Windham	L. Maria Jones, Windham Centre, Me.	Windham	50	22	35	4	..	Hope so	No	170	20	Peloubet	2 kinds	29	4	..	12	Yes
	Casco	S. A. Hall, Casco, Me.	Windham	21	16	7	2	..	..	No	60	1	2 kinds	....	..	4	..	12	No
	So. Durham	Henry M. Snow, So. Durham, Me.	So. Durham	71	48	30	8	..	Yes	Weekly	100	17	4 kinds	2 kinds	1736	4	0	12	No
		Totals		324	198	185	34	0			889	54			3565				
Smithfield.	Woonsocket	James S. Read, Woonsocket, R. I.	Smithfield	161	84	35	10	0	No	No	473	4	2 kinds	3 kinds	900	3	1	12	No
	Mansfield	David B. Grover, W. Mansfield, Mass.	Smithfield	7	5	6	1	0	Yes	No	100	0	....	Olive Leaf	..	..	..	..	..
	Worcester	D. M. Babcock, 17 Sudbury St., Worcester, Mass.	Uxbridge	29	23	14	3	0	No	No	300	0	3 kinds	4 kinds	1456	4	0	12	No
	Northbridge	Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.	Uxbridge	17	12	5	3	0	No	No	150	0	3 kinds	4 kinds	72	4	..	12	No
	Bolton	Alfred Dow, Hudson, Mass.	Bolton	55	40	39	6	0	Yes	No	283	0	2 kinds	4 kinds	1200	4	..	12	No
		Totals		269	164	99	23	0			1306	4			3628				
Vassalboro.	E. Vassalboro	Abbie P. Jenkins, Lamb's Corner, Me.	Vassalboro	46	30	46	4	..	Yes	No	200	0	1 kind	2 kinds	1400	0	0	12	No
	Oak Grove	Rufus M. Jones, Principal	Vassalboro	..	..	..	2	..	Yes	....	..	..	Peloubet	....	..	..	..	..	..
	Brooks	O. G. Hussey, Waldo Station, Me.	Unity	25	12	5	3	..	No	No	60	10	Peloubet	No	0	1	0	12	No
	Unity	Geo. W. Varney, Unity, Me.	Unity	25	20	16	3	8	Yes	....	..	..	Cook	....	..	..	..	12	No
	So. China	J. Albert Jones, So. China, Me.	China	75	57	57	5	1	Yes	No	140	51	2 kinds	No	0	4	0	12	No
	Maple Grove	J. W. Plummer, Fort Fairfield, Me.	Maple Grove	35	30	12	5	8	Yes	No	150	30	Peloubet	No	0	0	0	6	No
		Totals		206	149	136	22	17			550	91			1400				
Dover.	Dover	Mrs. E. F. Jenness, Dover, N. H.	Dover	25	20	20	3	1	..	....	6	6	Friends	0	..	4	..	12	No
	Meaderboro'	Anna M. Evans, Rochester, N. H.	Dover	24	11	17	2	..	..	....	..	0	Cook	5 kinds	..	..	..	12	No
	Gonic	Clarence J. Pinkham, Gonic, N. H.	Dover	52	26	14	3	..	Yes	No	116	116	3 kinds	5 kinds	..	3	0	11	No
	No. Berwick	Wm. T. Hussey, No. Berwick, Me.	Berwick	12	10	12	1	..	..	....	..	..	Friends	....	..	..	..	..	..
		Totals		113	67	63	9	1			122	122			0				
Fairfield.	Winthrop Centre	C. I. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.	Winthrop	150	109	100	12	6	No	Weekly	150	50	Peloubet	Cook	..	4	..	12	No
	Manchester	Alfred W. Hawkes, Manchester, Me.	Winthrop	31	24	15	3	..	Yes	....	..	..	Peloubet	Sev'l kinds	868	0	..	12	No
	Sidney Centre	Sarah E. Shepherd, Centre Sidney, Me.	Sidney	32	21	13	4	0	..	....	272	17	Peloubet	1 kind	..	4	..	12	No
	No. Fairfield	Geo. A. Wing, North Fairfield, Me.	Sidney	28	18	13	4	..	..	....	35	5	Peloubet	1 kind	500	..	..	12	No
		Totals		241	172	141	23	6			457	72			1368				
Parsons'd	E. Parsonsfield	Silas H. Cartland, E. Parsonsfield, Me.	Parsonsfield	45	25	39	3	..	Yes	No	240	0	3 kinds	4 kinds	500	8	2	12	No
	No. Sandwich	Jos. J. Cartland, No. Sandwich, N. H.	Sandwich	47	23	29	3	0	No	No	193	24	Peloubet	2 kinds	1040	3	0	12	No
		Totals		92	48	68	6	0			433	24			1540				

SUMMARY.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.	No. of Schools Reporting.	Total Membership.	Average Attendance.		Number of Friends.	Number Not Friends.	No. Evidencing Change of Heart.	Teachers' Meetings.		Is Religious Interest Increasing?		Observance of Children's Day.	
			Number.	Percent of total Membership.				Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.
Rhode Island........	9	552	374	68%	239	313	20	0	9	4	5	1	8
Salem................	12	613	402	66%	299	314	6	1	11	6	6	2	10
Sandwich	7	371	237	64%	131	240	7	0	7	1	6	0	7
Falmouth	6	324	198	61%	185	139	0	1	5	3	3	2	4
Smithfield	5	269	164	61%	99	170	0	0	5	2	3	0	5
Vassalboro	6	206	149	72%	136	70	17	0	6	4	2	0	6
Dover	4	113	67	60%	63	50	1	0	4	0	4	0	4
Fairfield	4	241	172	71%	141	100	6	1	3	1	3	0	4
Parsonsfield..........	2	92	48	52%	68	24	0	0	2	1	1	0	2
Totals............	55	2781	1811	65%	1361	1420	57	3	52	22	33	5	50

ANSWERS TO QUERIES AS TO SPECIAL NEEDS OF SCHOOLS.

From Rhode Island. — More workers; more Bible study; less Quarterlies; scholars.

From Salem. — Help from outside Bible School workers; a musical instrument (two schools;) a larger library; maps; a new supt.; more children; greater interest among older Friends; more spiritual life; more thorough study; life and members; literature; cards for small classes.

From Sandwich. — More interest and scholars; more study of lesson before coming to class; more interest by parents.

From Falmouth. — Deeper interest by older members; larger library; more teachers; better supt.; more religious interest; more scholars; some one to visit families.

From Dover. — Library books.

From Fairfield. — No answers.

From Smithfield. — Conversion of two classes of young people; numbers; workers; outpouring of Holy Spirit on whole neighborhood; more members prepared and willing to act as substitute teachers.

From Vassalboro. — Consecrated teachers; library books; missionary spirit; papers and cards; something to create interest.

From Parsonsfield. — Revival; more interest on part of those who should be leaders.

Peloubet, Wilde & Co., Boston..	By 33	Schools
Friends' Publishing Association, Chicago..................................	“ 28	“
Sunday School Times, Philadelphia..	“ 6	“
David C. Cook's, Chicago..	“ 4	“
Pilgrim, Congregational..	“ 2	“
Children's Magazine, Wattles, Philadelphia................................	“ 2	“
Berean, Hunt & Eaton, New York...	“ 2	“
Vincent's S. S. Journal...	“ 1	“
Jesse H. Leonard, Albany, N. Y...	“ 1	“
Star Primary, F. B. Publishing Association, Boston.....................	“ 1	“

Since no statistical report was presented last year, it is impossible to make comparison as to the growth (for we sincerely hope there has been growth) in the membership of our schools. It is to be hoped, however, that, at every Yearly Meeting in the future, a complete report will be presented, that we may be fully informed of the condition and progress of this most important branch of our church work.

It will be noted that the average attendance of all schools has been 65 %; the minimum was 52 %, this being in Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting; the maximum was 72 %, in Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting. In Fairfield Quarterly Meeting the average was about the maximum or 71 %. It is interesting to note that the two Quarterly Meetings attaining the largest average attendance are in rural districts.

Out of a total membership of two thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, the number reported as having evidenced change of heart during the year is fifty-seven. We should earnestly seek, with the Lord's help, to increase the number during the coming year.

In reply to the question "Is the religious interest increasing?" twenty-two schools answer in a clear, unmistakable "Yes"; thirty-three say positively "No" or "Think so" or "Trust so," or "The interest remains good." We recognize the difficulty of always answering a question of this nature positively, but we hope in future we shall do so as far as *is* possible, and trust that one of our aims in school work during the coming year may be to enable us to bring up from all quarters clear, unmistakable testimony that the interest *is increasing*.

In answer to the question "Do you observe Children's Day?" only five report that they have; fifty saying they have not. Let us remember, dear friends, that in our Bible School work the interests of the children are or should be the chief consideration. In late years it has become a general practice to set apart one day, at least, for special exercises by the children, and of special interest to them. We shall be successful in drawing the children in and doing them good just in proportion as we make our schools interesting to them.

We are glad to note that so large a proportion, almost one half, of our membership are *not* Friends. It gives us a good opportunity for the spread of Divine truth, and may it result in enlarging our borders.

We regret that so few report the holding of frequent and regular Teachers' Meetings. In the complete occupation of our time made by the demands of modern life, the Teachers' Meeting of all departments of Bible School work is perhaps most neglected. On the other hand it is almost universally conceded by Sunday School workers everywhere, that the Teachers' Meeting, when held and managed as it should be, is a most important factor in making the Bible School a success.

It is interesting to note the diversity of replies coming up from the several Quarterly Meetings as to the "*special needs*" of schools. Some of our Quarterly Meeting Superintendents have called attention to many points in our work needing attention and have made valuable suggestions as to how best to secure the results desired. One in particular refers to certain localities where only lack of proper effort is responsible for schools not being larger. House to house canvass is referred to as being much desired, and in another Quarterly Meeting preliminary steps have already been taken to secure a worker who shall devote time in such visiting of homes, in the endeavor to reach children and bring them into our schools.

Did opportunity permit, it would be beneficial to discuss some of these questions here, but they must be referred to another department of our Bible School work, — one of great importance, and one which has been much neglected by our Society in recent years. We refer to the holding of annual conferences, in which we may come together from all parts of the Yearly Meeting, for discussion of the best methods of work and promotion of general interest in every way.

It is true that in several Quarterly Meetings, quarterly or semi-annual conferences have been held, and some of them during the past year. We believe these have been helpful and profitable. But they are very limited in time for work, and do not serve to bring together the interests of the whole Yearly Meeting.

On the 19th and 20th of Fourth Month last, such a general conference was held at Portland, delegates being present from many sections of the Yearly Meeting. It was a very interesting and profitable occasion, a copy of the programme being herewith submitted.

PROGRAMME.

THIRD DAY. AFTERNOON SESSION.

2.00 Devotional Service.
2.20 Address of Welcome.
HARRY WOOD, So. Portland, Maine.
Response.
FRANK E. JONES, So. China, Me.
2.45 Objects of the Conference and Means of Securing Them.
GEORGE L. CROSMAN.
3.05 Should the Church look for Conversions in the Sabbath School?
DAVID J. DOUGLAS, Hallowell, Me.
Discussion by the Conference.
4.00 How to Secure the Conversion of a Sabbath School Class.
ELIZABETH T. LARKIN, Peabody, Mass.

EVENING SESSION.

7.30 Bible Lecture with Stereopticon Illustrations.
H. W. SHAYLOR, Portland, Me.

FOURTH DAY. MORNING SESSION.

9.00 Devotional Service.
9.30 Might not some more direct relation exist between the Sabbath School and the Society, to the advantage of both?
HARRIETTE D. COLLINS, Hopkinton, R. I.

Discussion.

10.15 Can any System of Gradation be adopted which shall be an Incentive to a Thorough Knowledge of the Bible?

W. P. PINKHAM, Portland, Me.

Discussion.

11.00 How to keep the Young Man in the Sabbath School.

CHARLES H. PINKHAM, Portland, Me.
ELWOOD BAILEY, Winthrop, Me.
L. G. MARCH, Portland, Me.

11.40 The Book.

HANNAH T. PRATT, Deering, Me.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2.00 Praise Service.

2.15 Uses and Abuses of Lesson Helps.

ANNA F. HALL, Windham Centre, Me.

2.30 Relation of Friends' Sabbath School to the Spread of Quakerism.

GEORGE H. FARR, Lewiston, Me.
JESSE MCPHERSON, Winthrop, Me.

Discussion.

3.30 What shall our Children Read?

HANNAH J. BAILEY, Winthrop, Me.

3.50 Question Box.

4.30 Closing Exercises.

While the total attendance was not large, the interest developed was great and a large amount of good work accomplished. The Field Worker of the Maine State Sunday School Association who was present called it one of the best working conventions he ever attended. For several reasons we were greatly limited in time for organizing and planning it, but the results showed that had it been held at a more central point, where a larger number would have attended, and with sufficient time for preparation, it would have been, in importance, an occasion second only to the Yearly Meeting itself. We found that two days were not enough to satisfy us in the time allowable for the several subjects under discussion, and during the coming year it is hoped we may have a *three days'* convention. If this could be made an annual institution, we know not what good might result, not only to our Bible School interests, but to the general welfare of the Yearly Meeting.

If we conduct our Bible School work as we should, conduct it as we do our business, for a definite purpose and for definite results,— the salvation of souls and the upbuilding of the Church,— we shall seek every means of improving our methods and enabling us to work to best advantage. May the Lord bless us in our efforts in this direction during the coming year.

Before closing it is our duty to present to this Yearly Meeting a request coming to you from the Conference held at Portland. It is as follows: —

TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING:

The Bible School Conference of New England Yearly Meeting, held at Portland, Fourth Month 19th and 20th, 1892, being deeply impressed with the importance of a more intimate relation between the Bible Schools and the Church, united in requesting the Yearly Meeting to provide for such a relation.

1. By authorizing all the Bible Schools to report regularly once in three months to the Quarterly Meetings.

2. By authorizing the appointment of Quarterly Meeting Superintendents as a medium of communication between the Meetings and the Schools and through whom the required reports may be presented.

3. By the adoption of a suitable query to be answered by Monthly and Quarterly Meetings respecting the maintenance and condition of these schools.

By direction of the Conference.

In closing, we recommend that the request coming up from the Conference be granted.

On behalf of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Bible Schools.

GEO. L. CROSMAN, *General Supt.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 13th, 1892.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.

4th Mo.	5	Received of Treasurer of Boston Preparative Meeting	$5 00
" "	7	" " " " Winthrop Monthly Meeting	7 50
" "	27	" " " " Berwick " "	5 00
" "	"	" " " " Fall River " "	3 45
" "	20	By Collection at Portland Conference	15 50
5th "	2	Received of Treasurer of Westport Monthly Meeting	5 00
" "	5	" " " " Smithfield " "	2 25
6th "	1	" " " " Uxbridge " "	3 00
" "	7	" " " " Falmouth " "	2 00
" "	"	" " " " Weare " "	5 30
" "	"	" " " " Salem " "	20 84
" "	13	" " " " China " "	1 39
			$76 23

EXPENDITURES.

4th Mo.	20	Travelling Expenses of Worker at Conference	10 00
" "	"	" " " " " "	6 00
" "	"	" " " " " "	5 00
" "	"	" Stereopticon Lecture " "	10 00
" "	"	" Stationery and Postage	1 69
5th "	4	Printing cards and programmes	8 17
6th "	21	Postage	1 50
Balance on hand			32 17
			$76 23

C. IRVING BAILEY, *Treasurer.*

The statistical information given in this report was exceedingly interesting and we rejoice that our younger Friends are so earnestly carrying on this work. We feel that there is a close connection between the prosperity of our Bible Schools and our Meetings for worship, and that one acts favorably upon the other. We desire the encouragement of this Committee and trust that all our members will co-operate with them in the work of the Lord.

By direction of the Meeting the recommendations contained in this report were referred to a committee to be proposed by the Nominating Committee. They shall also suggest a name for Yearly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools who shall be Chairman of the Committee to be named.

44. The Committee on Nominations presented the names of a Committee to report next year in regard to the recognition of a greater variety of gifts in the Church. (See Minute No. 35.)

They also propose the names of a Committee to memorialize the President, Congress, and Commissioners, in regard to closing the Exposition at Chicago on the Sabbath, and the sale of intoxicating liquors on the grounds; also on behalf of the suffering Freedmen of the South, and in relation to the outrages perpetrated in Alaska. (See Minutes 36 and 37.)

The names were approved and will appear in the proper place in the Minutes.

45. This Meeting is informed that there is some defect in the deed of conveyance of certain property in Washington, D. C., conveyed to John C. Gove. We refer the matter to the Representatives now in attendance of this Meeting for their consideration.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD-DAY MORNING, 14th.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

46. The epistle from London Yearly Meeting was now read to our edification.

47. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the State of Society as presented in the answers to the queries.

The answers are as follows, viz. : —

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANS. 1. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except thirty-six reported, most of which have been omitted on account of inclement weather and the prevailing sickness of the last winter. Meetings on First day are generally well attended, while those in the middle of the week are much neglected, except in one case where the meeting is held in the evening. With little exception the hour is observed.

ANS. 2. With little exception, love and unity are maintained and detraction guarded against. Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear.

ANS. 3. With few exceptions Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation. Some deficiency exists in training children in accordance with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4. We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most Friends' families, individually and collectively, and that they encourage their children and others in this practice. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained with very few exceptions.

ANS. 5. With twenty-three exceptions Friends are clear of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Generally careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christain character, and to observe true moderation in all things.

ANS. 6. The circumstances of the poor have received attention, and care is taken to educate their children.

ANS. 7. With a few exceptions Friends are faithful in maintaining our testimony against bearing arms and other military matters. Seven Quarterly Meetings report exceptions in regard to oaths. No defrauding of the public revenue.

ANS. 8. Nearly all Friends are careful in observing the several parts of this query.

ANS. 9. Nearly clear as to records. Some removals without certificates.

ANS. 10. The discipline is administered in tenderness and impartially, though not in all cases as timely as would be best.

It is the judgment of this Meeting that our subordinate Meetings be directed through their Overseers or a Committee for that purpose, to obtain definitely the number of those Friends who do not read the Holy Scriptures daily in their families.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

In considering the state of Society we were reminded that if we would be benefited by the examination of the queries, we must examine them in the presence of the Great Searcher of hearts. The importance of attending our Meetings for Divine worship was impressed upon us. The purpose of worship is for the soul to come near in reverent adoration before God. "Worship is the adoring response of the soul to the influence of the spirit of God." The thought was lovingly expressed that we are losing ground by not encouraging intervals of living silence in our Meetings for worship. "In silence is the hiding of spiritual power." Our Divine Master leads His servants to feel the needs of those who should be fed and instructed, and strengthens them to labor in word and doctrine; and it is in silence that He is pleased at times to seal upon the hearts of men their instruction. With reference to the third query we were reminded that we cannot maintain anything until we have it to maintain. We must be born from above before we have the religious life to maintain. In this new life it becomes our duty and also our joy to search the Scriptures. The daily devotional reading of the Holy Scriptures was held to be a duty which we owe to our families, and also necessary to our individual growth and maintenance in the Divine life. If we do not find an altar at our homes we shall not be likely to go to the place of worship to seek one. Sorrow was expressed at the growing laxity among our members in regard to oaths. The oath is a priestly thing. The affirmation says, "If I tell a falsehood I submit to the penalties of the law,"—the oath involves the penalties of the judgment to come. The world says that it is not needful to speak the truth unless bound by an oath. The law of Christ says we must have truth in the inward parts and speak the truth at all times. "Let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay." We were exhorted to firmly maintain that truth in which our Society has stood forth in noble testimony, at the cost of blood, and purchased freedom for us. It was earnestly advised that the truths of the Gospel as held by Friends be taught in our Bible Schools, and instilled into the minds of children while young.

A message from a Congregational minister across the water, was delivered to us by our dear friend, George Grubb of Ireland.

"The churches need the continued testimony of the Society of Friends to the spiritual nature of the kingdom of Christ. Tell Friends not to be adopting our methods, for they fall short of what Friends profess, and they will only prove a failure."

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Afternoon.

Met in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

48. The Committee on Temperance presented their Report, which is as follows, viz.:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Although the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Temperance has found it impracticable to meet since it was organized, the reports of the various members show that much earnest, persevering effort has been put forth for the cause of Temperance.

While we are glad to report the faithful service rendered by many, we can but feel that much more might have been done, if, at the time of its organization, a plan had been adopted, giving a definite work to each member of the Committee.

We recommend this arrangement to our successors. From the reports we learn that the temperance lessons are very generally taught once a month in the First-day Schools throughout the Yearly Meeting. At Parsonsfield, Me., a temperance meeting was held in the evening at the time of the Quarterly Meeting, and was well attended. A Temperance Band of twenty members was formed among the children, all of whom have taken the triple pledge. At this place a temperance lesson is taught once in two weeks.

At Lawrence, Mass., four public meetings have been held, and Friends are enthusiastic workers in the cause of Temperance. One member of the Committee in her report writes, "I have distributed literature, sent papers, introduced resolutions in Town Conventions, written articles for the papers, and held many Gospel Temperance meetings."

She adds that sickness all through the winter prevented her from doing as much work as she had hoped to do when she received her appointment.

Interesting meetings have been held at Vassalboro, Me., and Oak Grove Seminary. The latter was addressed by Mrs. Gleason of Boston, and both were well attended. A meeting was also held at Friends' School in Providence, R. I., where Mrs. Gleason gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on the subject of Narcotics and their Effects. This was followed by a brief, but energetic address from the principal of the School, indorsing and re-enforcing the words of the previous speaker. The injurious effects of alcohol and narcotics on the human system have been presented to the class in Physiology, and the prevailing sentiment in the School is strongly against their use.

One college, several high schools, and many schools of a lower grade have been visited and addressed on the subject of Temperance. Temperance literature has been widely and, we trust, judiciously distributed. More than one hundred boys and girls in the New Hampshire Industrial School have been supplied, by one of our number, with Illustrated Temperance Papers, published by Friends in Chicago. Monthly temperance exercises have also been conducted in this school.

Many other institutions in different localities, also railroad and fire engine stations have been supplied with temperance papers and tracts. In other cases they have been handed out to meet individual needs as suitable opportunities have offered.

From the report of the Superintendent of Literature, we learn that he has had calls from thirty persons, mostly members of the committee, for literature of different kinds, all of which have been supplied. Early in the year, there came a few orders that were not filled, owing to the fact that there was no money in the treasury. The new method of raising funds caused a delay of about six months in getting any money.

Number of pages distributed	45,267
Number of cards (picture, and triple pledge)	823
Number of pages of library matter	8;504

In nearly every locality, where any temperance work has been done by the Committee, we notice that the young people and children have been especially remembered.

Doubtless we are all of the opinion that they constitute our most hopeful field of labor. Our Superintendent of Juvenile Work informs us that, from a careful survey of the field, she is convinced that Gospel Temperance Work, in our Bible Schools, keeps pace with other religious work in our Society, and that we have many devoted laborers in this department all over New England Yearly Meeting.

In most of the places from which we have heard, through the Committee, there have been from one to four public meetings. Our Committee on Lectures reports that twenty-five lectures, and many more than that number of brief addresses, have been given during the year by members of the Committee, and by others under their auspices.

The amount of money expended by the Committee, during the past year, does not equal that of previous years, for the reason before alluded to, as will be seen by the Treasurer's report. We desire to express our deep regret for the outrages which have been committed in Alaska, upon the Missionaries of Kansas Yearly Meeting, while engaged in enforcing the Prohibitory Law, which resulted in the death of one, and the barbarous treatment of another.

We recommend that this important work be continued, and placed under the care of a new Committee; and that two hundred dollars be raised for its use.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Augusta Battey, *Secretary.*

Newport, Sixth Month 13th, 1892.

We appreciate the labors of our dear friends, in their efforts to stem the tide of evil which is flooding our land.

We feel that this is no time to relax our efforts, but that each one of us is responsible, to a certain extent, for the continuance of this evil.

We desire that all may be faithful to their God in their homes, in their business vocations, and at the Polls.

That total abstinence for the individual, and prohibition for the nation, may be the motto of every life.

The nomination of some Friends, to have the care of this subject for the coming year, was referred to the Nominating Committee.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE *in account with* SAMUEL BUFFUM, *Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS.

Received from the Monthly Meetings	$153 79
Received from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting	20 78
Received collection at two public meetings	11 17
Received from Boston Preparative Meeting	5 00
Received from Amesbury Y. P. S. C. E.	1 61
Received from children in Manchester, Me.	1 00
	$193 35

PAYMENTS.

Paid John F. Chase, Literature Department	58 07
Paid Hannah J. Bailey, Lecture Department	99 27
Paid the Secretary, postage expense	1 00
Balance on hand	35 01
	$193 35

49. The Committee on Peace have presented their Annual Report, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee has met three times since its appointment. As it will appear from our Treasurer's report, we have made an appropriation to defray the expenses of Susan T. Fessenden who delivered an address before the pupils of the Friends' School at Providence on the evils and the unchristian character of war, in such a manner, we believe, as to enforce the regular instruction at the school on the subject, and to make a permanent impression. We have also made an appropriation towards the support of the "Messenger of Peace and Christian Arbitrator."

Especially through the earnest zeal of one of our members, about twelve thousand pages of peace tracts and leaflets have been distributed in the past year, among persons by whom, it was thought, they would be read and appreciated.

In Second Month last we sent a memorial to the President and the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in favor of the calling by our Government of a Conference of representatives of the more important governments of the world to meet at Chicago at some time during the Columbian Exhibition in 1893, and to take measures in furtherance of the adoption of arbitration as a means of settling all international disputes.

We have appointed our friend Thomas J. Battey as our delegate to the Universal Peace Congress to be held this year at Berne.

The testimony which the Society of Friends, as a branch of Christ's Church, bears and has always borne to Peace as a part of the Good Tidings which Christ brought to the world, is clear and unmistakable. May this testimony be maintained faithfully by every member of our Society. We place no high estimate on the efficacy of special formal organizations and stated meetings in behalf of this cause, especially on the part of a Society which is so small in its numbers and resources as ours, and whose testimony on this subject is already so well and so widely known; but we think that the Committee of the Yearly Meeting should always stand ready to encourage and aid any fresh movement in advocacy of Peace which may be prompted by the Holy Spirit.

Under the Divine influence, as we believe, the Representative Meeting in 1888 issued a declaration entitled, "War an unnecessary evil forbidden by Christ, and contrary to Scripture," which has proved to be a very efficacious and useful document, and upwards of one hundred and twenty thousand copies of which have been printed and circulated.

It has given us great pleasure to commend and circulate the excellent oration on "The Coming Peace" delivered "before the City Council and Citizens of Boston, July 4, 1891," by Josiah Quincy. The able and eloquent speaker, the bearer of an historic name, spoke of the doctrine of non-resistance as "nobly maintained by one body of Christ's followers," and gave high credit to William Penn as the originator of the very idea of an international tribunal for the settlement of international disputes. A fresh document like this, from such a source, is sure of receiving attention even from the most cultivated and intelligent persons to whom it is sent, while the ordinary peace tracts and publications are in frequent danger of being thrown into the waste basket.

The election of our Friend, Benjamin F. Trueblood, to the important and influential office of Secretary of the American Peace Society, has given us great satisfaction. With his high and varied qualifications for the post, we trust that he may be enabled for many years to render great service to the cause.

We wish to call the attention of Friends purposing to travel in Europe, to the favorable opportunity which the present state of that continent, oppressed by militarism, affords for the advocacy of Peace. Peace tracts can be obtained in almost all of the European languages, and many are now ready to read them eagerly as well as to listen to the words of those who set forth the wickedness and the impolicy of war.

Whether at home or abroad, may we all be loyal to the Prince of Peace.

On behalf of the Committee,

THOMAS CHASE, *Chairman.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 14th, 1892.

We rejoice in the evidence afforded that the early testimony of our Society against all wars and fightings is making its way among the nations of the earth. The earnest and varied work of the Committee during the past year is appreciated, and we trust they will embrace every right opening for the promotion of this blessed cause.

The nomination of a Committee on Peace is referred to the Nominating Committee.

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON, TREASURER OF THE YEARLY MEETING'S COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

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To amount received from Fairfield Monthly Meeting	. . .	$15 00
“ “ “ “ Weare “ “	. . .	10 00
“ “ “ “ Providence “ “	. . .	5 00
“ “ “ “ Amesbury “ “	. . .	5 00
“ “ “ “ Salem “ “	. . .	4 64
“ “ “ “ Falmouth “ “	. . .	3 00
“ “ “ “ Berwick “ “	. . .	3 00
“ “ “ “ Westport “ “	. . .	2 50
		$48 14

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By amount paid expense of Lecture on Peace at Friends' School	$12 00
By amount contributed by Committee to the “Messenger of Peace and Christian Arbitrator”	25 00
Balance on hand	11 14
	$48 14

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON, *Treasurer*.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 13th, 1892.

50. The Report of the Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Union, was then read and is as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE YOUNG FRIENDS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP UNION.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

In making this our first report to the Yearly Meeting, it may perhaps be well to explain at the outset the nature of this society which has been formed among you.

It is really a portion of that great Society of Christian Endeavor which has taken such a remarkable hold upon the young people of every denomination all over the world. Our object is to enlarge the kingdom of the Master, to stimulate our members and others to lives of Christian activity and purity, and to promote attachment and loyalty to the Church. Our motto, “For Christ and the Church.”

Our chief organ is the prayer meeting, held weekly by each auxiliary society and to which not only members but every one is welcomed, and we can with deep thankfulness say that many times in these meetings, though often we have been few in numbers, yet the Master whom we are striving to serve has been with and blessed us in a wonderful degree.

As young people can best be helped by other young people, we who have tasted and seen that the Lord is indeed good are trying in every way, individually as well as through our Look-out, Social, and Prayer meeting Committees, to bring other young people to a knowledge of the Master and his wonderful love for each one of us, and our prayers for others have sometimes been so abundantly answered, that we have felt that surely it was the Lord's doing, and marvellous in our eyes.

To promote attachment and loyalty to the Church. This part of our object too, receives its due attention among us, and we can truly say that never before have the young people of New England Yearly Meeting felt a deeper and truer love for our branch of the Church of Christ than to-day; and others who have come into our meetings from outside have come to respect and love the principles which are so dear to us.

The membership in the different societies is divided into two classes: the Active Membership list which consists of earnest young Christians who sincerely desire to accomplish our object, and the Associate Membership list consisting of young people of worthy character who desire to be connected with the society and yet are not at present willing to be considered decided Christians, and for this latter class we are continually praying that they may be willing to be known as Christians.

With the exception of Dover and Parsonsfield Quarters, each Quarterly Meeting has within its limits one or more of these societies with an average membership of about thirty active and eight associate members, and a total membership of over five hundred. The largest society is that at Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I., with sixty-seven active and thirty-two associate members.

In the past year four new societies have been organized, at East Vassalboro, Unity, China Neck, and Hallowell, Me., and of our members who were not already Friends, eleven have requested for membership.

An important branch of this society is the Junior work, under the care of some member who is interested in the welfare of the children, and who will be in return loved and respected by them.

As yet there is only one of these Junior Societies in the Yearly Meeting, but that one is a source of encouragement and rejoicing to the older society in that place as it notes the decided change and improvement in many of the juniors. We are anxious that in the coming year more of this work among the children may be done, for it is certainly a most fruitful and interesting field.

And now, in conclusion, may we not ask your prayers that in the coming year our work for the Master may be more effectual, that we may be the instruments in His hands of bringing many souls to Him and of strengthening and encouraging those who already are at work in His vineyard, remembering that "One is your master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

ARTHUR M. HUSSEY, *President.*
MARY S. PAIGE, *Secretary.*

NOTE. — It was decided to change the name of this Society to Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

"We can have no higher joy than to see our children walking in the truth." And we welcome this simple story of the work carried on by our young Friends during the past year.

We desire their encouragement in every good word and work, and trust that in the days to come we shall realize the truth of the declaration. "Instead of the Fathers there shall be the children."

51. A report has been presented, by the Committee having charge of our aged Friend, Dougal McNab, from the British Provinces, which has been read and accepted, viz. : —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE IN CARE OF A FRIEND FROM THE BRITISH PROVINCES.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee in care of the Friend from the British Provinces report that they have given attention to the object of their appointment. Several visits have been paid him, during the year, by a part of the Committee, which appeared to afford him, in his infirmity and age, real comfort and encouragement. He was always cheerful and happy, evincing great love and attachment to his friends, and gratitude for their generous support.

The aid furnished by the Yearly Meeting, last year, was applied to his use and benefit, making the closing year of his life more comfortable.

In Second Month last, he passed peacefully and sweetly on to his heavenly home, in the ninety-seventh year of his age. He had long been waiting and watching for the change.

His remains were interred in one of Friends' burying-grounds, in China, Me.

ALFRED H. JONES,
HANNAH J. BAILEY,
WILLIAM H. BEALE,
Committee.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month, 1892.

There being a deficiency of seventy-five dollars, on account of expenses incurred, the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting is authorized to pay the same to the Committee in charge.

52. The Committee on the New Method of raising Funds was read and approved, viz. : —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE NEW METHOD OF RAISING FUNDS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee under appointment to carry out the provisions of the plan for raising funds in the Yearly Meeting have carefully considered its practical workings for the past year, and we are encouraged with the success of this system in the Monthly Meetings, where it has been tried.

We now recommend that the report as adopted at our last Yearly Meeting, with some transpositions of sentences and some verbal changes to make it better understood, be printed again in our Minutes this year, and the method thus in practice by envelopes be continued.

The plan as revised is herewith given.

By direction and on behalf of the Committee,

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Clerk.*

Newport, R. I., Sixth Month 10th, 1892.

This is a revision of the plan proposed last year and is commended to the attention of our members with the hope that in the coming year, there may be a more perfect understanding of the system, and a fuller carrying out of the same.

A PLAN FOR CHRISTIAN GIVING.

The necessity of system in Christian giving is very generally recognized, and together with the principle of proportionate giving, have their warrant in the words of Scripture: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." (1 Cor. xvi. 2.) "The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." (Lev. xxvii. 32.) "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." (Luke xii. 48.)

We believe there are many among us who may be sharers of blessings not yet known, when quickened by the Gospel teaching, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. ix. 7.)

The Mosaic standard relating to tithes and offerings for the Lord's work was not lost sight of by the early Christian Church, but rather did the ancient system of giving receive a new impulse when brought under the power of that sacrifice which was "the offering of Himself once for all."

1st. *Duties of Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance.*

The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance shall annually issue a Circular Letter to our Members containing a statement of the several amounts which are necessary to be raised for Yearly Meeting expenses (including obligations which may have been assumed), and for the charitable and benevolent objects under its care, these latter amounts having been specified in the annual reports to the Yearly Meeting by the respective Committees, and are to be provided for by the free-will offerings of our members.

The Circular Letter shall also embody such other items of interest and advice relating to finances as may have claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting, and shall give such directions about the use of the envelopes as may seem to be required. It shall contain suitable blanks in which to enter, if desired, an estimate of Monthly and Preparative Meeting expenses with the individual apportionments. The following form is recommended:—

The amount which .... Monthly Meeting has directed to be raised to meet expenses the ensuing year, including its quota of Yearly and Quarterly stock is $.................................. ....

Quota of the above amount for .... Preparative Meeting $................
Current expenses for .... Preparative Meeting $................
Total . . . . $................

Thy proportion of the above amount is about .... per month.

.... *Treasurer.*

The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance shall issue subscription envelopes, which shall express in printed form every item for which funds are desired, with suitable space for figures. They shall contain a blank for the number assigned to the donor, and be arranged for monthly contributions from our members and others who may desire to aid our work. These shall be forwarded with the Circular Letter in their respective proportions, to each Monthly Meeting for distribution by its finance committee. The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance shall also furnish the treasurers of subordinate meetings, at a nominal price, with the initial book of entry for keeping the accounts under this system.

2d. *Duties of Monthly Meetings and their Finance Committee.*

In each Monthly Meeting a committee on finance, representing each Preparative Meeting within its limits, shall be annually appointed after the official communication is received from the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance.

This committee shall assist the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting in the apportionment and collection of all funds required for meeting expenses, and in receiving and forwarding all free-will offerings that may be contributed toward the objects named in the Circular Letter.

When a Monthly Meeting consists of more than one Preparative Meeting, the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting shall designate one member of the finance committee for each Preparative Meeting, to have charge of its receipts and disbursements, who shall report the same annually to the Preparative Meeting if desired, and also to the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting.

The treasurer shall make an index in his book of entry of those who may be donors, giving each a number, and when members of one family prefer to be indexed under one number, the Treasurer may adapt his record to such choice.

He shall, with the aid of the finance committee, number twelve envelopes for monthly offerings from each, writing the index number at the upper left-hand corner and with the envelopes, each donor shall be given a copy of the Circular Letter after filling in the proper blanks.

As the envelopes return from the donors, the treasurer shall enter the items in the cash book, stating the number of envelope and name of month when payment is made, with the respective amounts in the proper columns, and shall forward the totals to the respective treasurers of committees, having in charge the work for which the money is specifically given. These remittances shall be made quarterly or as often as shall best suit the needs of the working committees.

3d. *Duties of Individual Members.*

Each member, who is able to do so, is desired to enclose in the envelope, monthly contributions toward the item "Meeting Expenses" as apportioned by the finance committee, but if preferred the amount may be paid proportionately semi-annually or annually. He is also earnestly entreated to contribute free-will offerings for any or all the other objects named in the Circular Letter, as may be consistent with his duty to God as a steward of property entrusted to him, being careful always to give an honest reply to the query, "How much owest thou unto my Lord?"

If the donor has no choice how his offerings shall be appropriated, the amount may be placed against the item, "General Fund," and the finance committee of the Monthly Meeting will distribute it among the objects named as in its judgment seems best.

53. George H. Farr was appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee in place of John J. Frye who has been obliged to return home.

54. The Representatives from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting propose the name of John B. Baylies; Falmouth proposes the name of Charles M. Jones, and Fairfield the name of Joseph E. Briggs to serve on the Finance Committee from their respective Quarterly Meetings, which nominations are approved by this Meeting.

55. The subject of the appointment of delegates to the Conference of American Yearly Meetings to be held at Indianapolis, Ind., in the Tenth Month next, claimed the attention of the Meeting, and it was the united judgment of Friends, that such a committee be appointed, consisting of five delegates and four alternates, and Alfred H. Jones, Henry C. Aydelott, Harriette D. Collins, Jesse McPherson, Ellen K. Buffum, Joseph E. Briggs,

William O. Newhall, William Thompson, and David B. Wheeler, were appointed a Committee to propose to this Meeting at a future session the names of suitable Friends to constitute said Committee. They were also requested to nominate two Friends and two Alternates to attend the opening of Wilmington Yearly Meeting.

56. The Committee on Nominations presented the names of Friends for a Committee on Western Indians, which were approved and will appear later in the Minutes.

57. The names of Friends to constitute a Bible School Committee were now presented, and approved by the Meeting, and will appear later in the Minutes.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING THE 15TH. — Friends assembled in separate sessions pursuant to adjournment.

58. The Committee on the disbursement of the income of the Mosher Fund, and Trustees of the Mosher Fund, have presented their reports, which are satisfactory to the Meeting, and the same committee is reappointed for that service, the coming year.

The report is as follows, viz. : —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF THE MOSHER FUND.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee on the disbursement of the income of the Mosher Fund would report that for books in Arabic for the Ramallah Mission, the sum of ten dollars ($10.00) was expended.

One hundred and fifty-six copies of the Friends' Review, and fifty-five copies of the Christian Worker have been subscribed for.

One hundred and forty-seven copies of the book entitled "Glimpses of George Fox and his Friends" by Jane Budge, have been distributed.

Less money than usual has been available during the year, on account of the change in the trusteeship of the fund, consequently the committee have not been able to accomplish as much as they would otherwise have done.

ALFRED H. JONES, *Chairman.*
SARAH MARBLE, *Secretary.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 13th, 1892.

INCOME OF H. H. MOSHER FUND.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from former account	$207 69	
Received from Trustees	500 00	
Received interest on savings bank deposit	5 44	
		$713 13

PAYMENTS.

Etta H. Johnston for books in Arabic for Ramallah Mission	$10 00	
147 copies "Glimpses of George Fox"	158 05	
Subscription 55 copies Christian Worker	55 00	
Subscription 156 copies Friends' Review	234 00	
7 copies "Making most of Life"	6 16	
7 copies "Quaker Pictures"	8 85	
Postage and Expenses	4 68	
		$476 74
Balance to new account		$236 39

J. E. PAIGE, *Treasurer*.

LYNN, Sixth Month 6th, 1892.

59. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight together with a minute adopted by that meeting were now presented and read, viz.: —

SUMMARY OF ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES OF THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

First. — With few exceptions our members are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline. Careful to promote the attendance of our families.

Second. — We are generally in unity one with another, and with the meetings to which we belong, harmoniously laboring together in gathering unto Christ.

Third. — We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit; we are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

MINUTE FROM THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

While we have been favored to be together "in the unity of the Spirit," a deep concern for the welfare of Zion has been apparent among us, and the blessing of our Heavenly Father was invoked for the salvation of souls and for the establishing of His kingdom. "We are nothing, Christ is all."

"According to your faith be it unto you." As the work of the Church in the saving of souls and the building up of believers was testified to by witnesses, we felt to give God the glory and bless Him for the privilege of sharing the joy that begins in heaven "over one sinner that repenteth," and we believe He is answering the fervent prayers of the Church for a revival of His work among us. The contentious spirit has no place among us, but we are laboring in Christian love and forbearance in gathering unto Christ.

With a full recognition of His power and presence as Master of Assemblies and Head of His Church, we believe we shall be able to declare "the unsearchable riches of Christ." And our labor is not in vain as we permit "the very God of Peace to sanctify us wholly."

Success in the work for the Master can be assured only by abiding in Him.

As we open our hearts to the Great Searcher of hearts, we find Him meeting our needs, affording us wisdom, grace, and strength, and bringing us into those experiences which increase our powers to preach the everlasting gospel.

In much tenderness we were reminded that our Lord and Master wants us to do the best we can under the circumstances in which we are placed, that there are diversities of gifts, the exercise of which the Church stands in daily need, and that "clothed with His righteousness" and "filled with all the fulness of God," we are to go forth teaching all nations, "baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost," comforted by the promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Faithfulness in the Lord's service will bring comfort, joy, and peace in all our subordinate meetings.

We are forcibly reminded that a great obligation rests upon our Society for the legacy which has come to us, an inheritance from those who won it through faith and sacrifice, and while it is our primary aim to win souls for Christ, it is of great importance that our special mission in the world be clearly kept in view, that we maintain our testimony for spiritual worship, and against formalism and ordinances, against wars and oaths.

The following constitutes the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight:—

	Ministers.	Elders.	Associate Members.	Total.
R. I. Quarterly Meeting	21	34	25	80
Salem " "	13	34	21	68
Sandwich " "	14	16	51	81
Falmouth " "	20	24	4	48
Smithfield " "	10	25	13	48
Vassalboro " "	15	39	0	54
Dover " "	7	27	13	47
Fairfield " "	9	33	26	68
Parsonsfield Q. "	6	10	18	34
Total	115	242	171	528

To the Yearly Meeting:

This Meeting unites in concluding that one session of this Meeting next year be devoted to considering the subject of the Pastoral Question.

RUFUS M. JONES, *Clerk*.

60. The Committee to nominate delegates to the Conference of American Yearly Meetings, to be held at Indianapolis, also, to nominate a committee to attend the opening of Wilmington Yearly Meeting, have presented the following Report, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Friends proposed are appointed to those services. The Clerks are directed to furnish them with the proper credentials, and the Treasurer to pay their necessary expenses, if called for: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee set apart to nominate delegates to the Conference at Indianapolis, in Tenth Month next, would propose the following, viz.: —

Augustine Jones.
Harriette D. Collins.
William P. Pinkham.
Ruth S. Murray.
I. Warren Hawkes.

Alternates.

Joseph E. Briggs.
Alice W. Maxfield.
Olney T. Meader.
Deborah P. Atherton.

To attend the opening of Wilmington Yearly Meeting, viz.: —

David J. Douglas.
Phebe S. Aydelott.

Alternates.

Jesse McPherson.
Hannah J. Bailey.

ALFRED H. JONES,
On behalf of the Committee.

Newport, R. I., Sixth Month 15th, 1892.

61. The following Memorial on the subject of Southern outrages was read and approved, and the Clerk was directed to sign the same, and forward it to the President of the United States and to the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled, viz.: —

To Benjamin Harrison, *the President of the United States, and to the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled.*

The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, assembled in their Annual Meeting at Newport, R. I., having under consideration the atrocities committed against the colored people at the South, by wicked and lawless men, respectfully ask the extension over that suffering race of the special care of the General Government, the strict maintenance of their right "to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," and their protection by that Common Law, which should be the safeguard of every citizen.

62. The Clerk was also directed to sign and forward the following Memorial to the Commissioners of the Columbian Exposition at Chicago, viz.: —

To the COMMISSIONERS OF THE COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION *to be held in Chicago, Ill., in* 1893.

The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England assembled in their Annual Meeting at Newport, R. I., under a deep sense of the importance of their request, ask that the Exposition shall be kept closed on the Sabbath, and that no intoxicating drinks shall be sold on the premises under any pretext whatever.

63. The following Memorial in relation to closing the Exposition on the Sabbath, was read and approved and the Clerk directed to sign the same on behalf of this Meeting, and forward to the proper authorities, viz.: —

To BENJAMIN HARRISON, *President of the United States and to the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled.*

The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England assembled in their Annual Meeting in Newport, R. I., respectfully ask that all grants of aid in any way to the Columbian Exposition, to be held at Chicago in 1893, be made only on the conditions that the Buildings of the Exposition shall be closed on the Sabbath, and that no liquor shall be sold on the premises under any pretext whatever.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month, 1892.

64. The following petition in relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors in Alaska was approved by the Meeting, and the Clerk was directed to sign the same, and forward to the authorities at Washington, viz.: —

To BENJAMIN HARRISON, *President of the United States, and to the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled.*

Our attention has been called to the proposed bill to license the sale of intoxicating liquors in Alaska.

We, the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, assembled at Newport, R. I., representing more than four thousand and three hundred members, respectfully protest against that proposed Bill, and petition that there may be sufficient legislative action taken and such officers appointed that the present law may be faithfully enforced.

We desire to call attention to the fact that one of the missionaries of this religious Society has been murdered and another outrageously treated, while endeavoring to see the law enforced, and these deeds of barbarism have so far as we have learned received no notice from those in authority.

65. The following-named Friends have been appointed to present the above-mentioned memorials and petition to the President of the United States, Senate, and House of Representatives, viz., Timothy B. Hussey and Alfred H. Jones, and William O. Newhall as alternate.

66. An epistle to our brethren of Ireland was read at this time, and approved; and the Clerk was directed to sign and forward it on behalf of this Meeting.

67. In the matter of the bequest to this Yearly Meeting, under the last will of Sarah N. Pope Dixon, of England, we conclude to reappoint Augustine Jones and Robert P. Gifford a committee to represent this Yearly Meeting, with the powers given to them under their appointment in Sixth Month, 1890, and with full power to represent this Meeting in any place and in any matters arising under said will, or under the deed of trust of Sarah N. Pope, and with power to petition and consent to any change of trustees, or to any appointment of new trustees, or to the termination of said trust.

68. An interesting and satisfactory report from the committee on the concern of this meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen of the South, together with a report from the Freedmen's Normal Institute, at Maryville, Tenn., have been read, and are as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In the care of the Freedmen's Normal Institute the past year we have experienced seasons of anxious thought, but we can thankfully acknowledge that our heavenly Father hath been mindful of us, and His tender mercies have been over this portion of His heritage.

Before the school opened in Eighth Month last we received the resignation of our friend, William P. Hastings, who had served as principal during twenty years previous. His good work and interest for the institution seem yet near us on account of his daughter, Lettie H. Garner, who became his successor. With many years' experience in the work with her father, as teacher and assistant, we believe the school will prosper under her Christian service, provided her efforts receive the prayerful interest and practical aid which the cause demands.

The financial question is the one which we feel must claim special consideration at this time. While we are thankful for donations amounting to $278.22, yet it will be impossible to continue the good work in our care, and hold the trust in the George Sturge legacy, without an increase of funds at our disposal. This special need we hope will only exist for a limited period, until the prospective income from other sources becomes available.

The attendance of students, with the aid of the George Sturge fund, has been large during the spring term, notwithstanding the reduced weekly allowance to each.

The report of our principal, L. H. Garner, relating to attendance and studies, is at hand; and in one of her recent letters she mentions blessed results from a series of meetings held for evangelistic work with the students.

In addition to the financial statement herewith, we would mention that $200 have been forwarded in donations, to aid the freedmen in other parts of the South, by members of Amesbury Monthly Meeting.

We sincerely hope that the contributions for the work at Maryville will amount to $500 during the coming year.

By direction of the Committee on Freedmen,

ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREEDMEN'S NORMAL INSTITUTE, MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR 1891–2.

Number of days taught	190
Number enrolled	165
Per cent of attendance	89
Number of boarders in the buildings	68
Number of teachers in the training class	89
Number reading from books	165
Number studying arithmetic	165
Number studying English grammar	145
Number studying geography	136
Number studying English composition	145
Number studying United States history	75
Number studying physiology	25
Number studying scientific agriculture	18
Number studying algebra	15
Number studying geology of Tennessee	15
Number studying English Literature	16
Number studying history of Tennessee	18
Number studying rhetoric	6
Number studying Latin	4

Number studying Greek	1
Number studying botany	1
Number studying zoölogy	1
Number studying general history	1
Number studying elements of psychology	1
Number graduated in the Classical course	1
Number graduated in the Elementary course	6

On account of lack of funds, we have been unable to hire necessary teachers, and were compelled to drop off the primary department entirely, thereby cutting down our numbers about one third.

L. H. GARNER,
Principal.

Sixth Month 3d, 1892.

The nomination of a committee to have the care of this concern is referred to the Committee on Nominations, and the consideration of an appropriation of five hundred dollars for the use of the Committee is referred to the Committee on Finance.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Amount received from Augustine Jones, Trustee of the George Sturge Fund	$1,450 10
Amount received from Augustine Jones, Trustee of the Henry Camp Fund	150 00
Amount received from Monthly Meetings	190 22
“ “ “ Boston Preparative Meeting	5 00
“ “ “ Fairfield Quarterly Meeting	30 00
“ “ “ other donations	53 00
Total	$1,878 32

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid Students on Sturge Fund, Autumn Term	$269 62
“ “ “ “ “ “ Spring Term	1,180 48
“ “ for repairs on the buildings	100 00
“ “ “ School expenses	328 22
Total	$1,878 32

ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
Treasurer.

69. The Trustees of the George Sturge and Henry Camp Funds presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory, and is as follows, viz. : —

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE STURGE AND HENRY CAMP FUNDS.

The George Sturge Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Financial Statement.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$6 79	
Coupons paid Seventh Month 1, 1891	727 50	
" " First Month 1, 1892	727 50	
Interest on Deposit	1 69	
		$1,463 48

EXPENDITURES.

Box in Rhode Island Safe Deposit Co.	$10 00	
Assisting Students, Fall Term	269 62	
" " Spring Term	1,180 48	
Balance for new account	3 38	
		$1,463 48

The Henry Camp Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Sixth Month, 1891	$149 84	
Interest and dividends	68 25	
		$218 09

EXPENDITURES.

Eighth Month 4, paid on account of L. H. Garner	$100 00	
Eleventh " 17, " " " " " "	50 00	
Balance for new account	68 09	
		$218 09

On behalf of the Trustees,

JAMES H. CHACE.
SUSAN TABER THOMPSON.

70. The following recommendations from the Committee to arrange a plan for a closer connection between the Yearly Meeting and its Bible Schools, were approved by the Meeting : —

The Committee appointed to consider a plan for establishing a closer connection between the Society and its Bible School work report as follows :—

We recommend that the Yearly Meeting request of each Quarterly Meeting that it shall, at its first session after this Yearly Meeting, appoint a Quarterly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools, who shall, until next Yearly Meeting, have supervision of the Bible School work within the Quarterly Meeting in conjunction with the Yearly Meeting's Superintendent and Bible School Committee.

Also that the Quarterly Meetings shall, each year hereafter, at their last session before the Yearly Meeting, appoint their Bible School Superintendents for the following year, whose term of service shall begin and end with that of the Yearly Meeting's Superintendent.

That the Yearly Meeting request all Bible Schools within its limits, to report regularly, once in three months, to their respective Quarterly Meeting Superintendents.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIETTE D. COLLINS.
ANNA J. GODDARD.
GEORGE L. CROSMAN.

The Clerk was directed to forward the conclusions on this subject to the Clerks of the several Quarterly Meetings, with the additional recommendation that the Monthly Meetings be requested to co-operate with the Quarterly Meeting Superintendents of Bible School work.

71. The Joint Nominating Committee presented the names of Friends for the Peace Committee, and also the names of Friends for a Committee on Temperance, all of whom were approved. Their names will appear under the proper headings.

Adjourned to meet at three o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON, Met pursuant to adjournment.

72. The Representatives now in attendance of this meeting made the following report, viz.: —

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

We have considered the various matters submitted to us, and now report as follows, viz.: —

1st. We nominate for Trustees, with full power to act for the Yearly Meeting in perfecting the alleged defective title to the land formerly owned by the Yearly Meeting in Washington, D. C., Augustine Jones and Robert P. Gifford.

2d. We have made a new apportionment of the sums to be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting as follows, viz. : —

Rhode Island	Quarterly	Meeting,	22 per cent.
Salem	"	"	18 "
Sandwich	"	"	20 "
Falmouth	"	"	8½ "
Smithfield	"	"	6 "
Vassalboro	"	"	5½ "
Dover	"	"	6 "
Fairfield	"	"	12 "
Parsonsfield	"	"	2 "

3d. We recommend that no change be made in the fifth query nor in the second unanswered query.

4th. We recommend that no change be made in the name of the Representative Meeting.

5th. We recommend that a committee be appointed by the Yearly Meeting, to consider and report next year the expediency of altering the Discipline so as to aid our Monthly Meetings in their action respecting removals from their limits.

6th. We nominate for correspondents of the Yearly Meeting, Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me., Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.

7th. We nominate for members of the Representative Meeting, the following-named Friends (whose names will appear later in the Minutes).

NEWPORT, Sixth Month, 14, 1892, For the Representatives.

OWEN DAME, *Clerk.*

In relation, to the first proposition in the Report of the Representatives, the Meeting is united in appointing Augustine Jones and Robert P. Gifford as Trustees.

In the second proposition the Meeting approves of the apportionment to the several Quarterly Meetings.

The third proposition was approved, to make no change in the fifth query, nor in the second unanswered query.

The fourth recommendation was united with to make no change in the name of the Representative Meeting.

The fifth recommendation in relation to changes in the Discipline was not approved by the Meeting.

In the sixth, the Meeting appointed the nominees proposed for Correspondents of the Yearly Meeting.

In the seventh, the nomination of Friends to constitute the Representative Meeting was approved, and they were appointed to that service. The names will appear hereafter.

73. The Auditing Committee presented the following Report viz. : —

To The Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer report as follows, viz. : —

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$2,514 21
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	480 00
Salem Quarterly Meeting	350 00
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting	400 00
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting	160 00
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting	120 00
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting	110 00
Dover Quarterly Meeting	100 00
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting	240 00
Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting	40 00
Books of Discipline sold	4 00
Dividends and Interest	84 24
Received on Endowment Fund Oak Grove	15 00
	$4,617 45

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of Yearly Meeting at Portland	$399 69
Expenses of Finance Committee in new method of raising funds	92 34
Rent of Safe Deposit Box	5 00
Paid Executive Committee on Western Indians	525 00
Aid to Friend of British Provinces	100 00
Paid principal and interest on Oak Grove note	518 38
(Balance due on note Eighth Month, 14, 1891, $2,500.)	
Printing, Recording, etc.	419 22
Incidentals	11 99
Balance now in Treasurer's hands	2,545 83
	$4,617 45

Income of Boston Meeting-house Fund, Balance from last year	$1,958 97
Received from Coupons	450 00
Received Savings Bank Dividends	85 80
	$2,494 77

PAYMENTS.

Wesleyan Hall Association.	$350 00	
Balance now on hand	2,144 77	
		$2,494 77

The Report was accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of two thousand dollars, for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and Samuel R. Buffinton has been appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, James H. Chace, Treasurer of the Providence School Funds; and Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer of the Oak Grove Funds. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the above-named sum, on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

74. The Committee on Finance presented the following Report which was accepted, and the Treasurer of this Meeting is authorized and directed to pay the several sums specified in the Report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Finance recommend that the following appropriations be made from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting:

For Associated Committee on Western Indians	$525 00
For aid extended to a Friend from British Provinces	75 00
For Principal and Interest on Oak Grove Note	625 00
For Freedmen (Maryville Institute)	500 00
	$1,725 00

For the Committee,

OWEN DAME.

Newport, Sixth Month 15th, 1892.

75. The Committee appointed by Minute 65 of last year have submitted the following report, which is approved, and the proposed changes in our Discipline are adopted by this Meeting.

To the Yearly Meeting:

1st. The Committee under appointment by Minute No. 65 of last year, in relation to reading and answering the queries once a year, would propose the following change in our Book of Discipline on page 107, Edition 1889: Instead of the paragraph beginning with the words, "It is also directed," the following should be substituted, viz.: It is also directed that to this purpose the queries be read in the Preparative Meetings preceding the Quarterly Meetings which occur before the Yearly Meeting, and distinct answers be given in said meetings to all the queries; and these answers be forwarded to their respective Monthly Meetings, where the queries are also to be read with the answers aforesaid; and each Monthly Meeting shall forward a summary of these answers to the Quarterly Meetings where the queries are to be again read, and the answers thereto which come from the Monthly Meetings; and a summary of these forwarded by the Quarterly Meeting to the Yearly Meeting to be read there and a summary of these reports entered in the Yearly Meeting records. It is also directed that at all other Quarterly Meetings, and at all Monthly and Preparative Meetings which precede each Quarterly Meeting these queries be read together with those called " unanswered queries " on page 108, Edition 1889, and hence the paragraph in italics on this page 108 may be stricken out.

2d. In relation to the proposition from Dover Quarterly Meeting (see Minute No. 28 last year), we would propose that the following paragraph be inserted in our Book of Discipline on page 91, Edition 1889, preceding the paragraph headed "Delinquencies," viz.: When a Monthly Meeting shall have received reliable information that any of its members have joined another religious society or denomination. the names of such members may be dropped from our records and they released from membership without the appointment of a committee, except as the Monthly Meeting may direct its clerk or a committee to kindly inform the persons so released of the record made on their account, and to express to them our Christian interest and love.

By direction of the Committee,

ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
Clerk.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 11th, 1892.

76. The following proposition referred to this Meeting, by the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, is also approved, and the proposed change in our Discipline is adopted by the Meeting, viz.: —

The accounts from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight show that they are united in asking that a change be made so that the second paragraph in italics near the bottom of page 116 of the Book of Discipline shall read as follows: "The other three are to be answered in writing in the Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight next preceding the Yearly Meeting, that the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight may receive a summary of these answers from each of the Quarterly Meetings." This Meeting unites in referring this matter to the Yearly Meeting.

RUFUS M. JONES,
Clerk.

The Clerk was directed to forward the above information to our Quarterly Meetings, and also to have slips printed in our Book of Discipline.

77. The Committee on Correspondence have presented a general Epistle to the American Yearly Meetings, which has been read

and approved, and the Clerk was directed to sign and forward a copy to each of the Yearly Meetings on this continent, with which we correspond.

They also produced Epistles to London, and to the new Wilmington Yearly Meeting, and a joint Epistle to the Monthly Meeting at Ramallah, which were read and approved. The Clerk was directed to sign and forward them to the Meetings addressed.

78. The Nominating Committee proposed the names of Friends for the Freedmen's Committee, which is approved by the Meeting. (Names will appear under the proper heading.)

79. This and the Women's Yearly Meeting have directed the Clerks to cause an edition of two thousand copies of the Minutes to be printed, and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings, in their usual proportions; and we appoint Samuel Buffum, William T. Hussey, and George L. Crosman, to assist them in the accomplishment of the work.

80. The Committee for that purpose propose the following returning Minute for our Friend George Grubb, which the Clerk was directed to sign, viz.: —

TO CORK MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, MUNSTER QUARTERLY MEETING, AND DUBLIN YEARLY MEETING OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS IN IRELAND.

Dear Friends,— Our beloved Friend George Grubb attended this Meeting with satisfactory credentials from your Meetings. His company and clear gospel preaching have been both comforting and encouraging to us. Our prayers and sympathy go with him as he pursues his labors on this continent.

81. The Clerk was authorized to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our Friend Seneca H. Stevens, viz.: —

Seneca H. Stevens attended this Meeting, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and similar ones for Fernando G. Cartland, Harry R. Keats, Edward G. Wood, David E. Sampson, John Carey, William G. Johnson, John F. Hanson, Alice Hanson, William L. Pearson, George N. Hartley, Clark M. Terrell and his wife Esther P. Terrell, and Emma Sampson.

82. The Clerk was directed to sign on our behalf, the following Minute for our Friend Lindley M. Carey, viz.: —

Lindley M. Carey accompanying his father John Carey, acceptably attended this Meeting.

83. The following proposition from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting for changes in the time of holding that Quarterly Meeting has been granted, viz. : —

"We propose that the Quarterly Meeting be held at Sandwich on the second Fifth day in the Tenth Month instead of on the first Fifth day as at present

We further propose that our Meeting, which follows at New Bedford, be held on the second Fifth day of the First Month, instead of on the first Fifth day of the Twelfth Month; and that the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, at New Bedford, be held on the second Fifth day of Fourth Month, instead of on the first Fifth day, as now held; the hour to remain the same, 11.30 o'clock A. M.

And the Clerk is directed to inform said Meeting of this conclusion.

84. We unite with our Friends of Iowa Yearly Meeting in the proposition appended to their Epistle to establish a new Yearly Meeting at Newberg, Yamhill Co., Oregon, to be opened in the Sixth Month, 1893, and to be known as Oregon Yearly Meeting.

The subject of appointing a committee to attend the opening of said Meeting, and addressing to them an Epistle, is referred to the Representative Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to append this information in a note in the Epistle to Iowa Yearly Meeting.

85. The following Committee has been appointed to make all necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, which are now or may be then under appointment, viz. : —

Charles M. Jones, David J. Douglas, Samuel R. Buffinton, Thomas Wood, Oscar J. Morse, Robert P. Gifford, William T. Hussey, Myra E. Frye, Sarah J. Swift, Hannah J. Bailey, and Susan Peckham.

86. Our Women Friends inform us that they have concurred in all the foregoing actions of the Men's Meeting.

87. We acknowledge, with gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that, as we have been privileged to meet in the various sessions of this Yearly Meeting, we have received strength and wisdom from on high.

We have been refreshed together and enabled to transact the important business that has claimed our attention, in a spirit of love and harmony.

We now conclude with a sense of renewed responsibility to our Divine Master, purposing to meet in Lynn, Mass., at the appointed time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY, *Clerk.*

MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

Samuel R. Buffinton.
Augustine Jones.
Charles A. Chace.
Phebe S. Aydelott.
Harriette D. Collins.
William O. Newhall.
Owen Dame.
Alice W. Maxfield.
Mary B. Swan.
Ruth S. Murray.
Susan F. Hoxie.
Anna G. Wood.
John B. Baylies.
John Hacker Hall.
Charles M. Jones.
Myra E. Frye.
S. Jane Cox.
Richard Battey.
D. Wheeler Swift.
Mary A. Battey.
Salome C. Wheeler.
Alfred H. Jones.
Eliza P. Pierce.
William A. Jones.
Timothy B. Hussey.
William P. Tuttle.
Anna M. Hussey.
Emeline H. Tuttle.
Levi Jones.
I. Warren Hawkes.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Mary C. Hawkes.
John B. Cartland.
Eunice D. Cartland.
Silas H. Cartland.
Lydia A. Cartland.
Daniel C. Maxfield.
Edward T. Tucker.
Ellen K. Buffum.
David J. Douglas.
Isaac Steere.
Sarah J. Swift.
John J. Frye.
Reuben T. Jones.
Etta S. Cates.
Olney T. Meader.
Oscar J. Morse.
Lucy T. Herbert.
Elizabeth K. Jones.

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Timothy B. Hussey.
Samuel R. Buffinton.
Richard Battey.
James H. Chace.
Thomas Chase.
Peter M. Neal.
Samuel Buffum.
Ellen K. Buffum.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Rachel S. Howland.
Anna G. Wood.
Deborah W. Crossman.
Elizabeth H. Austin.
Sarah F. Tobey.

Robert P. Gifford.
I. Warren Hawkes.
William O. Newhall.
Isaac Oscar Winslow.
Daniel C. Maxfield.
Charles A. Chase.
Olney T. Meader.
Charles Sisson.
William H. Varney.
Edward T. Tucker.
Joshua L. Macomber.
Ellen A. Winslow.
Caroline C. Earle.
Deborah P. Atherton.
Lydia C. Neal.
Ruth S. Murray.
Alice W. Maxfield.
Anna M. Hussey.
Elizabeth H. Newhall.
Sarah Marble.
Susan Peckham.
Bessie T. Wing.

COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

Chairman, CHARLES M. BAILEY.
Secretary, I. WARREN HAWKES.
Treasurer, JOSEPH E. BRIGGS.

Charles M. Bailey.
C. Irving Bailey.
Charles M. Jones.
Joseph E. Briggs.
John J. Frye.
George L. Crosman.
Timothy B. Hussey.
Frank E. Jones.
Alfred H. Jones.
Isaac O. Winslow.
I. Warren Hawkes.
Elwood A. Bailey.
Jessie McPherson.
George H. Cates.
William P. Pinkham.
Herbert O. Jepson.
William H. Douglas.
Henry Winslow.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Melvin M. Bailey.
Myra E. Frye.
Ruthanna H. Washburne.
S. Jane Cox.
Emma S. Briggs.
Mary E. Taber.
Sarah Marble.
Eliza P. Pierce.
Lettie M. Bailey.
Mary G. Winslow.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Augustine Jones.
Caroline Jones, Deering, Me.
Anna F. Hall.
Rufus M. Jones.
Ruthanna H. Washburne.
Myra E. Frye.
John Ellwood Paige.
Phebe W. Sawtelle.
Ruth S. Murray.
Gertrude W. Cartland.
Sarah Marble.
Wilmot R. Jones.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Chairman, **Timothy B. Hussey**, North Berwick, Me.
Rec. Secretary, **Susan T. Thompson**, New Bedford, Mass.
Cor. Secretary, **Charles M. Jones**, South Portland, Me.
Treasurer, **William T. Hussey**, North Berwick, Me.

Timothy B. Hussey.
Anna M. Hussey.
Anna G. Wood.
Charles M. Jones.
S. Caroline Tobey.
Mary Almy Chase.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Eli Jepson.
Harriette D. Collins
William Thompson.
Susan T. Thompson.
Elizabeth K. Jones.
Addie F. Chace.
Silas H. Cartland.
Linwood W. Jones.
Alice C. Earle.
Clara A. Mumford.
Ruth S. Murray.
Huldah H. Leighton.
Robert P. Gifford.
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MINUTES

OF

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1892.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Newport, Rhode Island, commencing Sixth Month 10th, 1892.

By accounts received from our several Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that the following-named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz. : —

FROM RHODE ISLAND — Elizabeth S. Newton, Sarah J. Hanson, Phebe S. Aydelott, Phebe R. Gifford, M. Augusta Battey, Catherine Green, Esther Chace, Mary E. R. Kenyon, Margaret T. Sherman, Mary C. Arnold, Anna B. Macomber, Electa J. Collins, and Anna A. Gould.

FROM SALEM — Mary Alice Brown, Gertrude W. Cartland, Cynthia W. Huntington, Anna M. Gove, Lucy T. Herbert, Mary J. Rogers, Alice W. Hawkes, Isabel D. Chase. Eliza A. Jones, Alice W. Maxfield, Zillah Binns, Mary Almy Chase, Clara C. Binford, Susan H. Meader, and Mary J. Buxton.

FROM SANDWICH — Rachel S. Howland, Mary Hafford, Mary C. Baylies, Alice R. Howland, Phebe A. L. Smith, Lucy S. Hoxie, Jane G. Fisher, Susan F. Hoxie, Susan S. Moore, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Sarah F. Potter, and Sarah J. Taber.

FROM FALMOUTH — Myra E. Frye, S. Jane Cox, Mary C. Holder, Emma C. Pinkham, Lucy R. Goddard, Mary A. Maxfield, Anna F. Hall, and Emma A. Douglas.

FROM SMITHFIELD — Salome C. Wheeler, Mary A. Battey, Sarah J. Wheeler, Susan E. Wheeler, Avis B. Steere, Sarah J. Swift, Abigail Wheeler, and Rachel Steere.

FROM VASSALBORO — Peace Jones, Mary C. Jones, Mary T. Gould, Elizabeth K. Jones, Eliza P. Pierce and Exie Estes.

FROM DOVER — Lydia E. Sawyer, Anna M. Hussey, Almira B. Buffum, Sarah V. Meader, and Lydia E. Jenkins.

FROM FAIRFIELD — Hannah J. Bailey, Mary C. Hawkes, Lizzie A. Church, Lizzie M. Hawkes, Martha B. Osborne, Emma S. Briggs, and Olive M. Tuttle.

FROM PARSONSFIELD — Lydia A. Cartland, Julia A. Remick, Eunice D. Cartland, and Elizabeth H. Cobb.

The names of the Representatives being called, they were present, except fifteen, for the absence of seven of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

The accounts from our several Quarterly Meetings have been read. The changes which have occurred in them, during the past year, will be embraced in a Summary to be presented at a future session.

An Epistle from our dear sisters of London Yearly Meeting, which failed to reach us in season, last year, has now been read, together with others from Dublin, Baltimore, North Carolina, Indiana, and a joint Epistle from our Friends of Ohio Yearly Meeting.

Our beloved friend, George Grubb, a minister from Ireland, is now in attendance of this Meeting, and has presented a certificate from Cork Monthly Meeting, indorsed by Munster Quarterly Meeting, and the Foreign Service Committee of Dublin Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, all expressive of unity with him in the extensive service to which he feels called of the Lord. The company of our dear friend from across the sea has been very acceptable to us, as well as that of other Gospel messengers from our own land, who are now with us.

We have also, at this time, the acceptable company of Seneca H. Stevens, Fernando G. Cartland, Harry R. Keats, and Edward G. Wood, from New York Yearly Meeting; David E. Sampson, from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; John Carey, from Indiana Yearly Meeting; William G. Johnson, from Western Yearly Meeting.

John F. Hanson and his wife Alice Hanson, from South Dakota, William L. Pearson. Oskaloosa, and George N. Hartley, Oregon, all of Iowa Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory certificates from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

We have also in attendance of this Meeting Clark M. Terrell and his wife, Esther P. Terrell, from Iowa Yearly Meeting, Emma Sampson, an Elder, companion to her husband, David E. Sampson, and Lindley M. Carey. companion to his father, John Carey, from Indiana Yearly Meeting. whose company is acceptable to us.

We rejoice that the Lord has turned the feet of so many of His messengers to this part of His heritage, and we extend to them a cordial welcome.

We appoint our friends, Louisa N. Meader, Rebecca D. Ewer, Lucy R. Goddard, Harriette D. Collins, Lydia E. Sawyer, Lizzie M. Hawkes, and Mary A. Battey, to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries from our several Quarterly Meetings.

A Nominating Committee of nine, one from each Quarterly Meeting, was appointed to present the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence.

A proposition from the Committee of Arrangements has been presented to this Meeting. We have united in its acceptance in concurrence with men Friends. The Representatives, as they meet at the rise of this Meeting to consider the subject of Clerks for the ensuing year, were requested to make the nomination indicated in the above-mentioned proposition.

Under a grateful sense of the Lord's continued goodness of His protecting power and watchful care over us since our last annual gathering, we adjourn to meet at 3.45 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met in separate session according to adjournment

The Representatives having conferred together, M. Augusta. Battey informed this meeting that they were united in proposing Anna G. Wood for Clerk, and Ruth S. Murray and Deborah P. Atherton for Assistant Clerks, which nominations being separately considered were approved, and they were appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

The names of the following Friends were also presented by the Representatives to constitute a Nominating Committee, viz.: Melissa S. Dearborn, Mary C. Hawkes, Elmira B. Buffum, Eliza P. Pierce, Mary A. Battey, Emma A. Douglas, Susan F. Hoxie, Alice W. Maxfield, and Electa J. Collins, which were united with by the Meeting.

The Nominating Committee to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence have presented the following, which being approved by the Meeting, they were accordingly appointed to that service, viz.: Gertrude W. Cartland, Rachel S. Howland, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Tacy P. Hawkes, Jr., Gertrude H. Pinkham, Salome C. Wheeler, Harriette D. Collins, Elizabeth A. Slade, Jennie M. Atkins, Myra E. Frye, Susan T. Thompson, Deborah P. Atherton, Anna J. Goddard, Susan Peckham, Avis B. Steere, Alice W. Maxfield, Hannah G. Ladd, Anna M. Hussey, Ruth S. Murray, and M. Augusta Battey.

We adjourn to meet in joint session at 4 o'clock.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, 6th Month, 13th.

Met in separate session near ten o'clock.

The remaining epistles from our sisters of Western, Iowa and Kansas Yearly Meetings, also one from our dear friends at Ramallah have been read. These loving greetings have been interesting and acceptable to the Meeting, and we have desired that this sisterly intercourse may be mutually helpful and strengthening.

The Joint Committee appointed to examine certain papers, addressed to the Clerks of the Yearly Meeting, have presented a Report which has been accepted in concurrence with men Friends.

A proposition from the men's meeting in regard to changing the name of the Representative Meeting, is referred to the Representatives from our Quarterly Meetings.

The Report from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting contained a suggestion that the wording of the Fifth Query and the second unanswered query should be slightly altered, which was also referred to their consideration.

A request from the same Quarterly Meeting upon the subject of spiritual gifts and their recognition was referred to a joint committee to be appointed by the Nominating Committee.

A concern of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting in regard to the opening of the World's Fair at Chicago, on the First day of the week, and also the sale of intoxicating liquor on the grounds, was referred in a similar manner.

We have had with us at this time our beloved sister, Ellen M. Johnson, the Superintendent of the Sherburn Reformatory for Women. The meeting was interested in her recital of the efforts to reclaim our sisters, who, from the force of temptation, have stumbled in life's pathway. We are thankful to our sister for her helpful, stimulating thoughts, and trust we shall be more earnest in our search after the key to, apparently, hardened hearts, which may respond to the touch of kindness and sympathy, inspired by the love of Christ.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

THIRD-DAY MORNING THE 14TH.

Met in separate session according to adjournment.

From the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends recently held in London, we have received and read an acceptable epistle.

The Meeting now entered upon the State of Society as presented by the answers to the queries from our several Quarterly Meetings. A summary of these having been prepared was read.

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANSWER 1. Our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been held except fifty-two, on account of sickness and other causes, also one Meeting omitted for three months, and two small Meetings held but few times during the year. First-day meetings generally well attended. Meetings in the middle of the week, much neglected. The hour observed by most Friends.

ANS. 2. With little exception love and unity maintained, for the most part detraction is guarded against. Care is taken to end differences.

ANS. 3. We believe that most of our members are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, one Quarterly Meeting reports a deficiency in this respect. Greater care is needed in the training of our children in accordance with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4. We believe the Holy Scriptures are read by most Friends individually as well as collectively; and children and others are encouraged in the daily practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained with little exception.

ANS. 5. Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Not entirely clear as regards amusements inconsistent with a Christian character. Moderation observed.

ANS. 6. The circumstances of the poor are duly inspected and their necessities relieved. When necessary'they are assisted in finding employment and in educating their children.

ANS. 7. With some exception in one meeting our testimony is maintained against bearing arms and against other military matter, against oaths. Clear, against defrauding the public revenue.

ANS. 8. With little exception Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, also to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

ANS. 9. Careful as to recording. Some cases of removal without certificates.

ANS. 10. With little exception the discipline is administered in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially.

MINUTE ON STATE OF SOCIETY.

During the past year much sickness has prevailed throughout our land, and, in consequence, a few of our small meetings have had to be discontinued for a time. Some of our dear friends have drooped under the burden of life, and have gone to their Heavenly home. Surely, we who remain have cause to commemorate the loving kindness of our God, in preserving our lives.

Certainly none of the Lord's children should willingly lose the benefit of our midweek gathering. In the hurry and bustle of our daily lives, it is a rest and refreshment to leave our cares for a season, to sit down in the presence of our Lord, to listen to His teachings. As the ear is attent to hear His voice, rich mines of instruction may be opened before us, which may be not only for ourselves, but for others also. And our dear young sisters may often find in these seasons, opportunities for service for their Lord, while their very presence is stimulating and encouraging to their older friends. It is as important that our spiritual life be renewed day by day, as it is that our bodies should be nourished. Consequently, it is our first duty to be alive unto God, and then we shall be ready for service. We should seek for the fresh anointing day by day, that our lives may be to His glory. In the morning let the prayer arise, "Keep Thou the door of my lips"; not keep them shut, but fill them for Jesus. The Lord has a purpose in the position in which we are placed, and, as this prayer arises, we shall be given words to say which will afterwards bring forth fruit to His glory. Be watchful for opportunities; only one comes to us at a time, and, if missed, it may never return again.

We should be specially careful lest any word of ours should hinder the reception of good from any service in our meetings. No harsh criticism, or even any light comment, which would be calculated to dissipate the effect of the message of the Lord, should be indulged in.

In service for the Lord, let all be loyal to the Church, and keep to our denominational lines, which are in accordance with the Truth. Not in a narrow sense, but in the broad view of following the Lord Jesus; thus there will be unity in the preparation for the service, and unity in its performance.

As we allow the Lord Jesus to bring us into oneness with Himself, there will be a mutual forbearance and submission the one to the other. A spirit of love will unite old and young, and enable us to present a solid phalanx against the enemy of souls. Much strength and encouragement may be given by expressions of sympathy. The older Friends may strengthen the hands of their young sisters by a word of loving unity with the service to which they feel called. And our young Friends, by their tender and reverent conduct towards the aged ones, may help those on their journey, who are to be "esteemed highly in love for their works' sake."

In the presence of so many opportunities for service opening before the Lord's consecrated children, it is important that there should be earnest prayer for individual direction. "Lord, what wilt thou have *me* to do?" And, when the call is clearly given, may all endeavor to regulate their actions by two rules: one to "select, systematize, and simplify our duties"; the other, that "It is better to get ten more persons to work, than it is to do the work of ten ourselves."

Mothers were specially reminded of the necessity of careful supervision of the reading matter coming into the hands of their children.

They were also reminded of the injurious influence of the military drill now in use in our public schools. It certainly tends to foster a love for "the glitter and pomp of war," which, in years to come, may lead from an earnest following of the Prince of Peace.

The eighth annual report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society has been read.

The Lord has continued to bless the earnest and faithful work of the committee during the past year, and we desire their encouragement for the year to come.

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:

With grateful hearts to our Heavenly Father for what he has enabled us to do in the past year, we present you to-day our eighth annual report: —

Statistics of the W. F. M. S.

	Number of Auxiliaries.		Number of Members.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Rhode Island,	7	7	152	140
Salem,	4	5	111	125
Sandwich,	4	4	66	69
Falmouth,	3	4	58	72
Smithfield,	2	2	45	69
Vassalboro,	4	3	67	52
Dover,	1	1	11	10
Fairfield,	6	5	78	67
Parsonsfield,	2	2	35	40
	33	33	623	644

Auxiliaries gained, 0; members gained, 21; life members gained, 16.

The difference in the rate of increase from our last report, 156, is due largely to the fact that no organizer has been in the field during the past year. Constant stirring up is needed in this line of work.

Our interest in Ramallah has been deepened by the presence of the loved matron, Huldah H. Leighton, among us. Her clear, strong words, her consecrated zeal, her loving devotion to the work, have been an inspiration to many; and our prayers have followed her across the water, that He who "holds the winds in the hollow of his fist" would restore her to her loved Ramallah in safety. Our work there has been the same as in the previous year, — the support of two teachers and twenty girls in the Training Home. In this work we have continued to receive aid from other Yearly Meeting auxiliaries, and individuals not members with us. We keep in touch with this work, and our work in the Indian Territory, by monthly letters from the missionaries.

The sum of $504 which has been raised for the erection of a new house at the Iowa Mission, is on interest. This sum is not sufficient to meet the needs, but the subscription list is still open, and as the contest with regard to the land will not, as we are informed, come to settlement before next twelfth month, there is ample opportunity for all who have not given, to do so. It is a trial to the missionaries to wait so long, but Lina B. Lunt writes: "God knows best, and all things work together for good to those who love Him." There has been sickness at the mission lately, deaths have occurred among the children, and they have been surrounded with water, as well as deluged through their roof. One night they were forced to leave their house and flee to higher ground. In the midst of such scenes as these L. B. Lunt writes: "We are happy and contented. God is our strength and song, and is become our salvation."

God be praised for such missionaries. Their devotion and self-sacrifice shame our efforts for the promotion of the work.

Through the labors of John F. Mardock a fine lot of land has been secured half way between Shawneetown and the Iowa Mission, for the work among the Kickapoos. This lot contains one hundred and sixty acres, eighty of which is fine timber land and the rest rich valley. Elizabeth Test, who has foreseen for years this crisis, has, from her own savings, erected a house on this land, which she and her assistant are at present occupying. She intends to present this house to the W. F. M. S. of N.E. Y. M. It needs five hundred dollars for fencing, breaking up the land so as to show they are improving it, digging a well, and starting an orchard. Who will come to the help? As we think of E. Test's self-sacrifice, again we feel that the devotion of our missionaries puts us to the blush.

Reports show that only four out of all our auxiliaries observe the first Sabbath in each month as a season of special prayer for missions. Will not our auxiliaries take some active steps and do some wise planning whereby the evening can be observed as a missionary prayer-meeting? More prayer, united prayer, for laborers, for money, for the salvation of souls, is a crying need of the church of God to-day. "Pray ye therefore;" and "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." With such a warrant, why do we not ask, in the name of Jesus, and receive?

While the missions at Ramallah and among the Indians have received our first attention, Boston still cares for a little girl in India; Fairfield Quarter has done similar work, "and other work outside the Association"; Rhode Island has helped the Blue Ridge Mission in North Carolina; and Vassalboro reports "Some home missionary work." Doubtless a part of this is simply a redeeming of pledges made in the past. While this home mission work mentioned is very blessed work, let us remember that it is really outside our province as a Foreign Mission Society, and let us strive to be truly loyal to our legitimate work, and forward it by every means in our power. Concentration is greatly needed in our work.

With regard to our three departments of work, General Literature, Systematic Giving, and Junior and Juvenile Work, sixteen auxiliaries attend to them all; three take up one department only; two take up two departments; one attempts something, but cannot fully carry it out; and one has superintendents in the three departments but has done nothing. Let each auxiliary make an honest effort in the coming year to do the best possible in this department work. We need the judicious distribution of literature to rouse and stimulate missionary zeal. Every woman in every meeting should be at least invited to subscribe for our Missionary Advocate, that she may know how the work is going on, that she may prepare herself on the Uniform Lesson for the Auxiliary Meeting; and, if for no higher motive, that proper support be given to this organ of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The department of Systematic Giving is very essential. Parsonsfield Quarter reports twenty-one who give on this plan, and Salem Quarter that in one auxiliary where this method is practised, the receipts have increased thirty-four and a half per cent. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." Let us all try it.

Then surely the Junior and Juvenile work should not be neglected. We must have that in every meeting where there is a child, for the sake of the children, and for the sake of the work. "Feed my lambs." Teach them to follow the Shepherd in loving self-sacrifice.

It is not possible to report the exact number of public meetings held during the past year, so many of our auxiliaries simply say, "several public meetings." More accuracy is greatly desired. Such meetings have been held at Winthrop Centre, Lisbon Falls, Portland, and Vassalboro, in Maine; and Lynn, Fall River, Amesbury, and Boston in Mass. The meeting in Boston occurring at a date to secure the presence of many who were to attend the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, excellent work was done. Let each Auxiliary hold at least one public meeting in the coming year, and more than one if possible.

Boxes of clothing, books, and other necessary articles have been sent out to all our mission stations.

Two circular letters have been issued to our auxiliaries.

Money has been raised by membership dues, suppers, sales of ice cream and cake, aprons and other manufactured articles, collections at public meetings, mite-boxes, sewing to order, pledges, Chinese school entertainments, tithing incomes, etc.

The great need of the world to-day is the Gospel. This glorious Gospel of the Lord Jesus is committed to us a trust fund to use for Him in the salvation of souls. Let us use it; let us "hold forth the word of life" this year as if we knew it to be our last year of opportunity for God, and suffering, sin-burdened humanity.

ELIZABETH T. LARKIN,
Corresponding Sec.

REPORT OF JUNIOR AND JUVENILE DEPARTMENT OF W. F. M. S. FOR THE YEAR ENDING FOURTH MONTH, 1, 1892.

To the Yearly Meeting:

There are seventeen Mission Bands of children and young people connected with our local Auxiliaries. The Band at Portland has been discontinued, and new ones at South Durham, North Berwick, and Dover have been formed in the past year. From the reports of local Superintendents and Secretaries, we find much the same methods have been used as in previous years, literary programmes and simple ways of raising money, giving happy, helpful interest to their meetings. The newly organized Band at Dover is composed of twenty-three children, but four of whom are members of Friends' Society; most of the others seldom attend any meeting except this little Mission meeting. From these facts we get a suggestion of a combination of Home and Foreign Mission work. Some of the children's meetings have been addressed by helpful and interesting speakers. One Band prepares an exercise for the Sabbath School once a month and receives the collection for that day. Another has placed a birthday missionary box in the meeting-house. And so in various ways the work is going on.

An accurate report of total memberships and amount of money raised cannot be given, as four of the Bands have failed to send full reports for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH D. BROWN, *Supt.*

AMESBURY, MASS., Sixth Month, 8, 1891.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS:

While, as the years go on, our auxiliaries multiply, and the work of our Society widens out more and more, for which we are very thankful, yet there seems to be less material for the report of the Superintendent of Literature. General information on missionary subjects, and an interest in missionary literature, have, we believe, increased in proportion to the growth of our Society; but the local Superintendents of Literature, having become better acquainted with the work, and with the needs of their respective auxiliaries, are less and less dependent on the General Superintendent for suggestions and supplies.

Our "Missionary Advocate," which is widely circulated, contains lists of desirable books and leaflets, with price lists, and other necessary information on the subject, in addition to its own valuable and interesting articles.

We say that the "Advocate" is widely circulated, and yet it may be seen, by the statistics accompanying this report, that the subscription list does not equal one half of our membership, which is greatly to be regretted, and ought certainly to be remedied. It is true that the membership includes families, which means one copy for several members; but, even making allowance for this, we think there should be more copies taken in our Yearly Meeting, and that a strong effort should be made, by the local Superintendents, to increase the subscription list, when we consider that it is the only organ of our Missionary Union, and when we consider, also, the pains taken, and the time and money devoted to make its pages useful and interesting, and worthy of our support.

The statistics of this department, as reported to Mary M. Haines in Second Month last, were as follows: —

No. of Auxiliaries that have Libraries	7
" Volumes in Libraries	36
" Auxiliaries without Libraries	17
" Members of the Missionary Union	587
" Subscribers to "Missionary Advocate"	240

Since the last Annual Report, the Superintendent of Literature has distributed about 287 leaflets. Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN PECKHAM,
General Superintendent of Literature.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month, 13, 1892.

DEPARTMENT OF SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS:

The fourth year of the work in this department shows some advance, though not as much, perhaps, as it should.

Reports have been received from all but one of the Quarterly Meetings, but as comparatively few of the Quarters or auxiliaries have superintendents of systematic giving, it is difficult to get the exact figures. From the accounts received, it appears that one hundred and five Friends are in the practice of systematic giving, and twenty-five have adopted it during the past year, so that there seems to be an awakening of the importance of this question.

A large part of the tracts mentioned by your late superintendent have been distributed among the different Quarterly Meetings, and from the reports it is believed that many families and individuals have been furnished with them. There are quite a number remaining which will be sent to any who have not yet received them. The tract "Paying What We Owe" should be in the hands of everyone, and carefully read and considered, as it presents the question of systematic giving in an exceedingly practical and convincing manner. One auxiliary had it read responsively at one of the meetings, and others might find this exercise a useful one.

Money has been raised by our auxiliaries in various ways — by stated monthly contributions, by free-will offerings, by sales of articles, by suppers, and by mite boxes. One auxiliary reports a successful auction sale. Mite boxes are mentioned by a few auxiliaries, and it is suggested that it would be well to encourage a more general use of these especially among persons who have not yet decided to lay aside regularly a portion of their income.

Your superintendent would especially call attention to the desirability of appointing local superintendents of this department, in order both for the more satisfactory collecting of the statistics of the work, and for arousing a more general interest in this subject by work in their own localities. Respectfully submitted,

DEBORAH P. ATHERTON, *Supt. Sys. Giving.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 13th, 1892.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Women's Foreign Missionary Society of New England Yearly Meeting, *in account with* Hannah J. Bailey, *Treasurer.*

1891–92.	Dr.		
4th Mo.	To balance from last year		$206 52
	Indiana W. F. M. S. through Elizabeth T. Larkin	$65 00	
	Four little Indian boys	04	
	Donations for expenses of lectures . . .	12 00	
	Collections by E. T. Larkin for Iowa Indian Mission House	364 45	
	Mary C. Hawkes for girl in day school at Ramallah	5 00	
	Lizzie Purdy for Ramallah Mission . . .	1 00	
	N. Graves for Ramallah Mission	1 00	
	M. Graves for Ramallah Mission	1 00	
	Mary T. Thomas, Treas. Iowa W. F. M. S.	325 00	
	A friend for stone in Ramallah Mission House	25	
	Loan from Winthrop Nat'l Bank	500 00	
	Lucy Lunt, donation for Lina Lunt . . .	11 00	
	B. F. Butler of Ohio for the education of a girl at Ramallah	65 00	
	M. S. Barton of Canada, toward education of Nijumee Chaddura	16 25	
	Note of H. J. B. and interest	201 00	
	Collection at Pub. Mtg. in Boston . . .	25 45	
	H. J. Bailey, for education of orphan girl in India	25 00	
	C. I. Bailey, for education of orphan girl in India	25 00	
	Alice Anthony, from children at Providence for Iowa Mission House	3 00	
	Winthrop Bible School for Iowa Mission House	11 65	
	Cash	5 00	
	Special donation for Lina Lunt	1 00	
	A friend	25	
	R. W. Lawrence, donation from Samuel Miles for Ramallah	5 00	
	W. F. Wilbur, treas., F. B. S. Mission Band, Providence, for education of Ahzeezie Rafeedie	65 00	$1,734 34
			$1,940 86

Amount brought forward		$1,940.86
J. E. Briggs, Treas., Donation from Fairfield Qr. Meeting	25 00	
Alice B. Paige, Cor. Sec., Lynn Y. P. S. C. E.	3 16	
Note paid by E. R. Packard	225 00	
Donation, by H. J. B., for a special object,	14 15	
Collection in Public Meeting in Portland	72 32	
Interest	3 07	$2,077 04
		$2,283 56
To amount received from auxiliaries in		
Rhode Island Quarter	$432 63	
Salem Quarter	314 38	
Sandwich Quarter	141 70	
Falmouth Quarter	157 00	
Smithfield Quarter	205 50	
Vassalboro Quarter	113 20	
Dover Quarter	20 00	
Fairfield Quarter	317 76	
Parsonsfield Quarter	29 11	
		$1,731 28
Two Life memberships		40 00
Total		$4,054 84

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4th Mo. Paid Ellen C. Wright, Treas., W. F. M. Union	$18 69	
Paid Eli and Sybil Jones Mission	1,773 71	
Paid expenses Iowa and Kickapoo Missions,	625 49	
Paid Friends' Ophanage in India	75 00	
Paid Superintendent literature dept.	5 00	
Paid Superintendent juvenile dept.	5 00	
Paid printing, postage, foreign drafts, etc.,	44 22	
Paid interest bearing notes	1,175 00	
Paid discount on note at Winthrop Bank	2 75	
Paid H. M. Payson & Co., for Nebraska 6 per cent bond	200 00	
Paid lectures	47 25	
Paid Mary G. Winslow, trustee	40 00	
		$4,012 11
Balance on hand, 4th Mo. 1st, 1892		42 73
		$4,054 84

I have examined the foregoing accounts, and the vouchers thereof, and find them correct.

M. AUGUSTA BATTEY,
Auditor.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Elizabeth T. Larkin.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Caroline Alice Jones.
Mary R. Osborne.
Hannah B. Farr.
Huldah H. Leighton.
Henrietta H. Johnston.
Anna G. Wood.
Ruth S. Murray.
Emeline H. Tuttle.
Ellen K. Buffum.
Lydia E. Sawyer.
Mary H. Robinson.
Phebe S. Aydelott.
Mary E. Gifford.
Sarah J. Swift.

REPORT OF "TRUST FUNDS" OF W. F. M. S. FOR N. E. Y. M.

RECEIPTS.

On hand, Cash	$60 00
A. F. Cox & Son, note	60 00
Bond, Nebraska Loan & Trust Co.	200 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid H. J. Bailey Coupon on bond to April 1,	$6 00
" " " Interest on A. F. Cox & Son, note	3 00

ANNA M. GOVE.
MARY G. WINSLOW, *Trustee.*
(In place of Lavinia M. Briggs, deceased.)

WINTHROP CENTRE, 6th Mo., 1, 1892.

The following-named Friends have been appointed as officers of the Society for the coming year, viz.: —

President — PHEBE S. AYDELOTT, 70 Rock Street, Fall River, Mass.
Vice-Presidents at large — MYRA E. FRYE, Woodford's, Me.; SUSAN T. THOMPSON, New Bedford, Mass.
Corresponding Secretary — ELIZABETH T. LARKIN, 72 Central Street, Peabody, Mass.
Recording Secretary — ALICE W. MAXFIELD, 12 Railroad Avenue, Amesbury, Mass.
Treasurer — HANNAH J. BAILEY, Winthrop Centre, Me.

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND.

For one year — MARY G. WINSLOW, Winthrop Centre.
For two years — S. CAROLINE TOBEY, 67 Angell Street, Providence, R. I.
For three years — ANNA M. GOVE, Seabrook, N. H.

AUDITORS.

SUSAN H. MEADER, 634 Warren Street, Boston, Mass.
M. AUGUSTA BATTEY, 109 Lippitt Street, Providence, R. I.

QUARTERLY MEETING VICE PRESIDENTS.

Rhode Island — S. Caroline Tobey, 67 Angell Street, Providence, R. I.
Salem — Anna M. Gove, Seabrook, N. H.
Sandwich — Elizabeth A. Gifford, Adamsville, R. I.
Smithfield — Sarah J. Swift, 22 Oak Avenue, Worcester, Mass.
Dover — Almira B. Buffum, N. Berwick, Me.
Falmouth — Miriam C. Webber, Lisbon Falls, Me.
Vassalboro — Eliza P. Pierce, E. Vassalboro, Me.
Fairfield — Phebe M. Wadsworth, Augusta, Me.
Parsonsfield — Dora E. Cartland, N. Sandwich, N. H.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Systematic Christian Giving — Deborah P. Atherton, Uxbridge, Mass.
Literature — Susan Peckham, 27 Cushing Street, Providence, R. I.
Junior and Juvenile Work — Sarah D. Brown, 22 Highland Street, Amesbury, Mass.

BOX COMMITTEE.

Chairman — Gulielma C. Wood, 3 Gleason Street, Boston, Mass.
Mary B. Johnston, 469 Cumberland Street, Portland, Me.
Olive H. Weeks, Friends' School, Providence, R. I.

We appoint our friends, Ellen K. Buffum, Lucy Goddard, Susan T. Thomson, Electa J. Collins, Catharine Green, Salome C. Wheeler, and Harriette D. Collins, to unite with a similar committee from the men's Meeting, to prepare as way opens returning Minutes for Friends in attendance of this Meeting with certificates, and present them at a future session.

We adjourn to meet in joint session at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Fourth-day Morning, 6th Mo., 15.

Met in separate session at 10 o'clock.

A summary of the changes which have occurred in our Quarterly Meetings during the past year was presented and read.

Augustine Jones and Robert P. Gifford, the Committee now under appointment in the matter of the bequest to the Yearly Meeting by the will of Sarah N. Pope Dixon, have presented a Report which has been accepted, and we united with the men's Meeting in reappointing the same Friends to continue the service.

A Memorial addressed to the President and Congress of the United States, in regard to the atrocities committed against the colored people of the South, has been read and accepted in concurrence with men Friends.

The Committee appointed on the concern of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting have presented a Memorial addressed to the Government of the United States, which has met the approval of this and the Men's Meeting.

The Committee having charge of the interests of the Freedmen of the South have presented a Report in connection with one from the Freedmen's Normal Institute, at Maryville, Tennessee, which has been read and accepted in concurrence with the Men's Meeting, and Friends were requested to remember the pressing needs of the Institute, and encouraged to greater liberality. The appointment of a Committee to serve the coming year was referred to the Committee on Nominations

We unite with men Friends in accepting the report of the trustees of the George Sturge Fund.

The Committee invested with the responsibility of disbursing the income of the Mosher Fund presented their Annual Report, which was read and approved, and the Committee who served last year was reappointed.

The Committee on Nominations have proposed the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Temperance, which were approved.

Those presented by the same committee to give attention to the subject of Peace, were also acceptable to the Meeting.

An epistle to our dear sisters of Iowa Yearly Meeting was read and approved.

The committee appointed to present the names of Friends as delegates at the approaching Conference at Indianapolis proposed the following, viz.: Augustine Jones, William P. Pinkham, Harriette D. Collins, Ruth S. Murray, and I. Warren Hawkes. Should any of them be unable to attend, Joseph E. Briggs, Alice W. Maxfield, Olney T. Meader, and Phebe S. Aydelott were proposed as alternates. These, after consideration, were approved in concurrence with men Friends.

The same committee presented the names of two Friends to attend the opening of the new Yearly Meeting at Wilmington, Ohio, viz.: David J. Douglas and Phebe S. Aydelott, which were also approved in concurrence.

The committee appointed to consider a plan for establishing a closer connection between the Society and its Bible Schools have presented a report, which has been accepted in concurrence with men Friends.

Adjourned to meet in separate session at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Met at 3 o'clock, according to adjournment. The Representatives being called, forty-eight were in attendance. Epistles to our dear Sisters of the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, Baltimore, North Carolina, Canada, Indiana, and Kansas were read and accepted. A joint Epistle to our friends of New York and Ohio Yearly Meetings has been read and approved, and the clerk is directed to sign all the above and forward them to the respective meetings.

The Representatives from our Quarterly Meetings to whom were referred various subjects for consideration have presented a Report which was read, and we are united in accepting the various conclusions arrived at, and the proposed appointments in concurrence with men Friends.

The young people, the children of our Yearly Meeting, and also the sick and afflicted among us have been lovingly remembered, and tender words of counsel and encouragement have been addressed to them. These, having met the approval of the meeting, the Clerk is directed to have them printed and sent to the Quarterly Meetings, in the usual proportion.

A joint committee appointed last year on the request of Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, in regard to answering the queries but once a year, presented a report which was accepted in concurrence with men Friends.

A request from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, in relation to a similar subject and which was referred to the Yearly Meeting, has been granted, having the approval of men Friends.

A request from Dover Quarterly Meeting "that a change be made in our discipline in regard to those of our members who have joined other religious denominations," which was referred to a committee, has been again brought before us in their report, and we unite in accepting their suggestion contained therein in concurrence with men Friends.

We unite with the men's meeting in the appointment of our friends, Timothy B. Hussey, Alfred H. Jones, and William O. Newhall, to present to the President and Congress the petitions which have been agreed to by this Yearly Meeting.

The proposed changes in Sandwich Quarter, in regard to the time of holding some of its Meetings, have been approved.

The Meeting on Ministry and Oversight has presented a summary of their answers to the queries, together with a minute, embracing the substance of the exercise of that Meeting, which has been read and approved. The Statistics of that Meeting have also been presented.

We unite with the Men's Meeting in the appointment of the Friends proposed to constitute a committee to care for the interests of the Freedmen of the South.

We also unite in accepting the names of Mary C. Baylies and Edward C. Jones, as additions to the Committee on Temperance.

A Memorial, to be presented to the Government, in respect to "the sale of intoxicating liquor in Alaska, and its sad consequences," was united with by this and the men's Meeting.

The responsibility resting upon us as women, in regard to the subject of social purity, was earnestly spoken of. It was the decision of the Meeting that the times called loudly for greater effort in that direction. A committee was accordingly appointed of one from each Quarterly Meeting, who, if way shall open, shall carry on this work during the coming year, and present to our next

Yearly Meeting a plan of action for the future. The committee are as follows: Phebe S. Aydelott, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Ruth S. Murray, S. Jane Cox, Salome C. Wheeler, Abby Jenkins, Emeline H. Tuttle, Martha B. Osborne, and Melissa S. Dearborn.

We unite with our friends of Iowa Yearly Meeting, in the establishment of a Yearly Meeting at Oregon. The subject of appointing delegates to attend the opening of that Meeting, and of preparing an epistle to the same, was referred to the Representative Meeting for their action.

The Joint Committee on returning Minutes have prepared suitable certificates for all the ministering Friends in attendance who presented their credentials to this Meeting, viz.: for our beloved friend George Grubb from Ireland, Seneca H. Stevens, Fernando G. Cartland, Harry R. Keats, Edward G. Wood, David E. Sampson, John Carey, William G. Johnson, John F. Hanson, Alice Hanson, William L. Pearson, and George N. Hartley.

Minutes have also been prepared for Clark M. Terrell, Esther P. Terrell, Emma Sampson, and Lindley M. Carey. All of which have been approved by the Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf.

The Committee on Business who served the Meeting last year are re-appointed to that service, viz.: Myra F. Frye, Sarah J. Swift, Hannah J. Bailey, and Susan Peckham.

The Clerk is authorized to procure the usual amount of printing for this Meeting, and call on the Treasurer for the expense incurred.

The thanks of the Meeting were given to the Committee on Entertainment for their faithful and earnest efforts for the comfort of the Friends assembled at the Yearly Meeting.

Much harmony and unity have marked the deliberations of this Meeting and we unite in heartfelt thankfulness for the rich blessings which have been vouchsafed to us at this time.

We conclude, proposing to meet at the usual time next year at Lynn, if the Lord permit.

ANNA G. WOOD, *Clerk.*

MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

YOUNG FRIENDS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP UNION.

1. The Third Annual Meeting of the Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Union was held Sixth Month 11th, 1892, at 2 o'clock P. M., at Newport, R. I.

2. The meeting was opened by singing, followed by Scripture reading and prayer.

3. The roll of delegates was read as follows: —

Fall River. — Marianna Gifford, Sarah E. Chace, H. Emma Skinner.

Swansea. — Charles Estes, Charles F. Leslie, Emma R. Chace, G. Mahlon Chace.

Boston. — John H. Meader, William Hoag.

Lynn. — Alice B. Paige, Clara C. Binford, Elmer E. Metzger, Arthur B. Fuller, Charles H. Atkins, Jennie M. Atkins, Hattie E. MacLean, George L. Crosman.

Lawrence. — Moses Marshall, Zillah Binns.

New Bedford. — Sarah H. Taber, Mary B. Smith, Carrie D. C. Howland, Abbie Tripp.

Durham. — Mary H. Robinson, Ida Brown, Sadie R. Cox.

Portland. — Gertrude H. Pinkham, Anna J. Goddard, Fred C. Dearborn, Marion A. Goddard, Melvin M. Bailey, John J. Frye, Emma A. Douglas.

Woonsocket. — Joseph P. Burgess, Jennie L. Lothrop, L. Isabel Read, Edgar L. Arnold, Oscar J. Morse, Flora M. Daniels, Donald Ross.

Bolton.— Susie M. Wheeler, Susan E. Wheeler, Laura A. Wheeler, Thomas A. Wheeler.

South China.— Frank E. Jones, Ella E. Jones, Lydia A. Frye.

East Vassalboro.— Etta Cates, George Pope, Edwin Taber, Belle Priest, May Taber, Annie Cates.

Providence.— M. Augusta Battey, Alice F. Mayberry, Mary L. Cobb, Abbie Wheeler, Eliza Cushing, Ralph Earle, Eugene Mann.

Hallowell.— Lizzie Church, A. F. Morse, Sarah Morse.

Of these forty were present.

4. The following reports of officers were read and accepted: —

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING 6TH MONTH, 1892.

	Rhode Island.	Salem.	Sandwich.	Falmouth.	Smithfield.	Vassalboro.	Dover.	Fairfield.	Parsonsfield.
Number of Local Unions in Quarterly Meeting,	2	4	2	3	2	4	0	1	0
Number organized during the past year.......	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0
Number of Quarterly Meetings held, and where,	0	One at Lynn.	0	One at Portland.	0	0	0	0	0
General condition of the work..............	Reported "of no benefit at all."	Good.	Good in New Bedford.	Very encouraging.	Societies in good condition. Room for improvement.	More prosperous than a year ago.	Few young people.		

	Fall River.	Somerset.	Boston.	Lawrence.	Lynn.	Amesbury.	New Bedford.	Westport.	Durham.	Lewiston.	Portland.	Woonsocket.	Bolton.	China.	Vassalboro.	East Vassalboro.	Unity.	China Neck.	Hallowell.	Friends' Boarding School, Providence.	Total reported.
Number of Active Members............	11	17	11	53	36	14	bet. 60 and 70	Not reported	16	Not reported	32	35	18	20	Not reported	27	Not reported	20	30	67	472
Number of Associate Members...........................	2	9	0	2	0	6			13		0	25	5	0		7				32	101
Number who are Friends.............	10	24	10	40	28	14	30		19		26	19	15	16		24				52	327
Number who have become Friends since 6th Month, '91..	1	2	0	0	2	0	2		0		0	0	0	0		3				1	11
Is your Union auxiliary to the United Society of C. E.?..	No	No		No	Yes	Yes	No		No		Yes	Yes	No	Yes						No	
Have you a Junior Society?..........................	No	No		No	Yes	No	No		No		No	No	No	No						No	1
How many members?.................................					48																48

To the Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Union of New England Yearly Meeting:

At the last Annual Meeting, held in Portland, it was voted that the Corresponding Secretary request the local Unions to send in their decisions in regard to a change of name.

Letters have been sent out to the various Unions, asking their attention to the matter. Prompt answers have been received from nearly all the Unions. A few had already changed their name to that of Christian Endeavor, and all the rest were heartily in favor of changing.

One chief reason given for the preference is, that our organization may be brought into closer relations with the United Society of Christian Endeavor, and this would be done by a name identical with (rather than similar to) theirs. For the purposes of identity, the local names might then be annexed to the general name, as is now done by the local societies of the United Society.

The Secretary has also corresponded with the Unions on different phases of the work, especially that of raising money for the use of the Society. The responses were cheering and prompt. Two Unions reported a giving social, as their effort of raising funds for this work. Much interest is apparent in all the Unions, and many of our young people are brought into closer relationship with the Church. And may we keep our motto ever in view, "For Christ and the Church."

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE M. FRYE,
Corresponding Secretary.

Woonsocket, R. I., June 10, 1892.

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE YOUNG FRIENDS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP UNION OF THE NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.

1891.	Dr.	
June 16.	To Cash received from previous Treasurer	$38 39
Aug. 28.	" " " " Lynn Society	7 82
Sept. 28.	" " " " Woonsocket Society	4 00
" 28.	" " " " Lewiston Society	70
1892.		
April 4.	" " " " Lynn Society	12 00
May 13.	" " " " Lawrence Society	3 00
" 9.	" " " " So. Durham Society	2 00
" 23.	" " " " Lewiston Society	5 00
" 24.	" " " " Amesbury Society	2 30
" 26.	" " " " Woonsocket Society	7 25
June 6.	" " " " Portland Society	5 00
		$87 46

1891.	Cr.			
June 24.	By check to L. M. Frye, Secretary for Stationery and Stamps.		$1 25	
Aug. 28.	By check for Printing Union Minutes .		9 00	
1892.				
May 24.	Expense of organizer for 1 month's work in Unity, Me.	$6 00		
	Expense of organizer for 1 month's work in East Vassalboro, in contion with Gospel work	6 00		
	Expense of organizer for work in Falmouth Quarter, including stage fare to Augusta	5 00		
	Expense of organizer within Fairfield Quarter; also, a portion of expense at Hallowell.	3 75		
	Expense of organizer within Smithfield and Rhode Island Quarters .	12 40		
	Total.	$33 15		
1891.				
Oct. 10.	By check		$10 00	
1892.				
May 25.	" "		23 15	
			$43 40	$43 40
	Balance			$44 06

J. P. BURGESS, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the above statement of receipts and expenditures for the past year and find it to be correct.

ELISHA T. READ, *Auditor.*

WOONSOCKET, 6th Mo. 10th, 1892.

ORGANIZER'S REPORT.

TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Y. F. C. F. U. OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING:

Your Organizer, in looking over the past year, feels like saying, with a heart filled with gratitude to God, that He who has promised to "make a way where there is no way" has watched over and blessed the work of the Fellowship Union.

In viewing the work the first part of the year, it did seem as though there was no possible way of increasing the number of Unions. In the early part of last autumn, your President and organizer met in consultation at Portland; and, after prayerfully considering the work before us, it was decided that the organizer should solicit correspondence with each vice-president, and learn through them the places where it might be possible to organize, and also for the President to send out a number of letters seeking information in regard to the same.

This was done, with perhaps one or two exceptions, where others, thought to be more familiar with the Quarterly Meeting, were written to instead. In some quarters several letters were sent to persons within their limits.

As the result of this correspondence came the same answer in every case but one. The answer in substance was this: "We know of no place where there is not now a Union where we think it possible to form one at present, as we have not the young people, and, in some meetings, not the people of any age, to warrant organization."

The exception referred to was a call through the vice-president of Falmouth Quarter, that a Union ought to be formed at Windham. Your organizer started for the above-mentioned place; but on reaching Portland, and consulting the vice-president, found that he had been informed a day or two before that nearly all the young people at Windham belonged to a similar organization in another church, and that it was not of any use to think of organizing in that place. I will confess, that, taking this, with the answers to the letters received, and also the answers to the letters sent out by the President, I did feel as though nothing more could be done to form Unions unless God made the way.

And soon — all praise to His "Blessed Name" — He did make a way. In a short time after, we joined other workers in a revival effort at Unity, Me., which continued for a month; the young were gathered into the meeting, quite a large number blessedly saved, and a strong organization formed. Immediately after, we joined in a similar effort at East Vassalboro, Me., with the same blessed results; also for a short time in the effort that is still going forward at Hallowell. Seventy or more souls have been converted or reclaimed, and a Christian Endeavor Society formed, a few days ago, of about thirty charter members. A society was also formed at West China a few weeks since.

It is a grand and glorious thought, that, in the four new organizations established, of about one hundred members, there is a large number of noble young people who only a few months ago were in the rank of the enemy that are now in the ranks of the Lord's saved children, fighting to win other precious souls. May God help us as Christian workers to push the work of salvation, and then organize for systematic effort.

Yours in Christ,

FRANK E. JONES.

5. A Nominating Committee, to bring forward names of officers for the coming year, were appointed, one from each Quarterly Meeting as follows: Marianna Gifford, Almy Chase, Emma Taber, Anna J. Goddard, Elisha T. Read, Etta Cates, Arthur M. Hussey, Lizzie A. Church, Melissa S. Dearborn.

6. An interesting account by Sylvester S. Aldrich of his visit to the Christian Endeavor Society of Iowa Yearly Meeting was read, in his absence, by John Metcalf.

7. Amy Johnson, of Indiana, and George Hartley, of Oregon, were present, and spoke briefly and interestingly of the work in their respective Yearly Meetings.

8. Inaccordance with the recommendation of the Executive Committee, it was voted to raise one hundred dollars, including the balance in the treasury, in the same manner as last year.

9. A collection was then taken to help defray expenses.

10. In accordance with a recommendation of the Executive Committee, it was voted that the name, Young Friends' Christian Fellowship Union, be changed to Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and the Secretary was instructed to inform the General Secretary of the National Y. P. S. C. E. of the change.

11. Fernando G. Cartland extended to the Society the greeting of the Young People's Society of New York Yearly Meeting, and also spoke briefly of the National Convention.

He was followed by Oscar J. Morse, of Woonsocket, who spoke chiefly of the grand programme arranged for the Convention, and by Phebe S. Aydelott, of Fall River, on Denominational Day at the Convention, and the necessity of Friends being well represented.

12. *Voted*, That an expostulation be sent to the Commissioners of the Columbian Exposition against opening on the Sabbath.

13. Clara C. Binford then read a very interesting paper on "Junior Christian Endeavor Work," speaking of the evident help of these societies to the children and of the remarkable influence of the children over others not members.

14. *Voted*, That Clara C. Binford be appointed Superintendent of Junior Societies for the Yearly Meeting.

15. A short consecration meeting was held, led by Tacie P. Hawkes, of Lynn, and many took this opportunity of telling of the goodness of the Lord to them.

16. *Voted*, That next year the Executive Committee bring in names of officers for the following year.

17. Adjourned to 7 o'clock.

18. SIXTH MONTH 11th, 7 o'clock. Met according to adjournment.

19. The following report of the Nominating Committee was read and accepted, and the officers therein-named elected: —

President — GEO. L. CROSMAN, Mountain Avenue, Lynn, Mass.
Recording Secretary — MARY S. PAIGE, 50 Chatham Street, Lynn, Mass.
Corresponding Secretary — GERTRUDE H. PINKHAM, Woodford's, Me.
Treasurer — JOSEPH P. BURGESS, Woonsocket, R. I.
Organizer — FRANK E. JONES, South China, Me.

QUARTERLY MEETING VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Rhode Island — MARY L. CHACE, 21 Winter Street, Fall River, Mass.
Salem — WILLIAM GODDARD, Lawrence, Mass.
Sandwich — HELEN H. SEABURY, 414 County Street, New Bedford, Mass.
Falmouth — FRED C. DEARBORN, 44 Winter Street, Portland, Me.
Smithfield — GEO. W. PHILLIPS, Union Village, Woonsocket, R. I.
Vassalboro — RUFUS M. JONES, Vassalboro, Me.
Dover — WM. P. JENKINS, Dover, N. H.
Fairfield — LIZZIE A. CHURCH, Hallowell, Me.
Parsonsfield — MELISSA S. DEARBORN, East Parsonsfield, Me.

20. The resignation of Mary S. Paige as Recording Secretary was accepted, and Jennie L. Lothrop appointed to fill the vacancy.

21. *Voted*, That Arthur M. Hussey be instructed to ask the committee of arrangements that the Young People's Meeting be appointed for Seventh day evening next year.

22. The Meeting then adjourned.

ARTHUR M. HUSSEY, *President*.

MARY S. PAIGE, *Secretary*.

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MINUTES

OF THE

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FOR

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1893.

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The attention of Quarterly and Monthly Meetings is particularly directed to the following Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, viz. : —

Minute No. 41, referring to statistics of ministers and elders.

Minute No. 49, relating to the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

Minute No. 53, relative to raising funds for the use of the Yearly Meeting.

Also Minute No. 70 of the Minutes of 1892, referring to Bible-School work and superintendents.

The attention of the Representative Meeting is called to Minutes numbers 58 and 72 of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEN'S MEETING.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Me., commencing on Sixth-day Sixth Month 9th, 1893.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.: —

FROM RHODE ISLAND — Obadiah Chace, Augustine Jones, Benjamin Greene, Daniel Meader, Robert P. Gifford, Charles W. Earle, Isaac L. Fish, Henry C. Aydelott, Joseph H. Atwater, and Charles D. Kenyon.

FROM SALEM — Joseph Cartland, Peter M. Neal, Charles H. Thorndike, Olney T. Meader, Owen Dame, John F. Chase, Joshua Buxton, Lebbeus Hill, Allen P. Aldrich, Daniel C. Maxfield, Walter B. Allen, John Ellwood Paige, John H. Crosman, and Cyrus Jones.

FROM SANDWICH — William Thompson, Gideon Wood, Joseph Ewer, David Kelley, William P. Macomber, Edward G. Wood, Simeon W. Luther, John C. Taylor, Stephen R. Wing, and Joshua L. Macomber.

FROM FALMOUTH — Nathan Douglas, John J. Frye, Ezra Hawkes, L. Frank Jones, Amos F. Lunt, Reuben T. Jones, John H. Hall, Cyrus Cartland, George H. Farr, Lucius C. Dunham, and William H. Varney.

FROM SMITHFIELD — Isaac Steere, Francis H. Innman, Richard Battey, D. Wheeler Swift, A. Eben Phelps, Paul A. Randall, David B. Wheeler, Greeley Dow, and George F. Varney.

FROM VASSALBORO — William H. Cates, Alfred H. Jones, Elijah Cook, George E. Roberts, James M. Estes, Hartwell A. Jenkins, Rufus M. Jones, Josiah Philbrick, and Jedediah J. Varney.

FROM DOVER — Samuel Buffum, William P. Tuttle, Timothy B. Hussey, Albert C. Buffum, Eli Meader, William P. Jenkins, and George Estes.

FROM FAIRFIELD — Joseph E. Briggs, Jesse McPherson, Levi Jones, I. Warren Hawkes, David J. Douglas, Henry Winslow, A. F. Morse, and Joseph Winslow.

FROM PARSONSFIELD — Otis Meader, John B. Cartland, Silas H. Cartland, and Joseph J. Remick.

Whose names being called, they were all present except nineteen, for the absence of nine of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Isaac Sharp, a minister of the Gospel; with satisfactory credentials from Darlington Monthly Meeting, England, held Fourth Month 10th, 1890. Durham Quarterly Meeting, England, held Fourth Month 17th, 1890, and London Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held Fifth Month 30th, 1890, and again held the 18th, 19th, and 28th of Fifth Month, 1891.

4. We have also the acceptable company of the following beloved friends from the American Yearly Meetings, viz.: —

Fernando G. Cartland, from New York Yearly Meeting; Elwood C. Siler, Western Yearly Meeting; George N. Hartley, Iowa Yearly Meeting, and Jesse W. Wilmore, Kansas Yearly Meeting, who produced certificates from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

5. We have also the acceptable company of our dear friend, William G. Hubbard, from Columbus, Ohio. He informed the Meeting that the Minute granted him for religious service amongst us had been lost on his journey hither. Expressions of sympathy were accorded him, and he was encouraged to feel no embarrassment while with us on account of his unfortunate loss. We praise the Lord for the wonderful preservation of his life on his way to us, as the incidents which occurred and his providential escape from harm have been related by him to us.

6. We have read a Minute of Newberg Monthly Meeting,

endorsed by Newberg Quarterly Meeting, in favor of our dear friend, L. Ella Hartley, an Elder, wife of George N. Hartley. Her company has been acceptable to us.

7. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings with returning Minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following, viz., William O. Newhall, William P. Pinkham, Jesse McPherson, Samuel R. Buffinton, and Rufus M. Jones.

8. Epistles have been received from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, except London. We have also received one from the Monthly Meeting of Ramallah, Palestine. Those from Dublin, Baltimore, and Iowa were read to our comfort and edification.

9. We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Owen Dame, John C. Taylor, Charles A. Nichols, Isaac Steere, William H. Cates, Daniel F. Jenness, Levi Jones, and Otis Meader, a committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date, to propose a sum of money to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also to propose a Friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School at Providence, and another for Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro.

10. We appoint Charles Estes, J. Ellwood Paige, William P. Macomber, Henry F. Newell, A. Eben Phelps, William P. Varney, Asa C. Tuttle, Jesse McPherson, and John B. Cartland, a committee to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries, and present it at a future sitting.

11. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz.: —

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that Elizabeth H. Potter, an Elder and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 26th, 1893, aged 80 years. Abner Potter, a minister and member of the same Meeting, died Third Month 12th, 1893, aged 90 years. Eunice Estes, an Elder and member of Swansea Monthly Meeting, died Second Month 7th, 1893, aged 84 years. Sarah M. Orvis, a Minister and member of the same Meeting, has been released from membership in the Society, at her own request. Thomas Chace, an Elder and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died Tenth Month 25th, 1892, aged 65 years. It has united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in the discontinuance of their Monthly Meetings, except those next preceding the several Quarterly Meetings. It has united with Rhode Island, Swansea, and Providence Monthly Meetings in their appointment of twenty-nine associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George H. Jones to the station of Elder, also with Amesbury and Boston Monthly Meetings in their appointment of twenty-two associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Thomas Folsom, an Elder and member of Amesbury Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 23d, 1893, aged 91 years.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George C. Akin and Sarah F. Potter to the station of Elder, and with their Monthly Meetings in the appointment of fifty-nine associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Edward G. Wood, a minister, has been received a member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, by removal certificate from Marlboro Monthly Meeting, N. Y. It has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in changing the dates of that Meeting at three times in the year, viz., from the Sixth day before the first Fifth day in Fourth Month, to the first Sixth day in Fourth Month; from the Sixth day after the first Fifth day in Tenth Month, to the Sixth day after the second Fifth day in Tenth Month; from the Sixth day before the first Fifth day in Twelfth Month, to the first Sixth day in the Twelfth Month, the hour remaining the same, and also with that Monthly Meeting in changing the time of holding their Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, to the morning of the day of the Monthly Meeting preceding each Quarterly Meeting, at 9.30 A. M. Whenever changes in the dates of the

Monthly Meetings have been made, as above noted, the Preparative Meeting at Sandwich is held on the Fourth day of the week before those Monthly Meetings; and the Preparative Meetings at Falmouth and Yarmouth on the Fifth day of the week before the Monthly Meetings above alluded to.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Isaiah N. Hacker, L. Maria Hacker, Caroline Jones, and Alice W. Hawkes to the station of Elder. It also unites with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Marcus L. Thomas, Isaiah Douglas, Lina B. Lunt, Alvano C. Goddard, and Osborne J. Hoffman; also with the same Meeting in the appointment of Jennie P. Douglas, Elwood S. Bailey, Ella L. Bailey, Nathan Douglas, 2d, and Emma S. Douglas, to the station of Elder. Elizabeth B. Evans, a Minister and member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 19th, 1893, aged 62 years. Robert Goddard, an Elder and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died Twelfth Month 6th, 1892, aged 82 years.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Nelson Taft, an Elder and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 28th, 1892, aged 87 years. Phebe M. Pitts, an Elder and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, died Sixth Month 12th, 1892, aged 83 years. James G. Arnold, an Elder and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, died Eighth Month 28th, 1892, aged 67 years. Daniel Wheeler has been appointed correspondent of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting. It has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Arthur H. Swift. It has united with the Monthly Meeting in the appointment of eleven associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Elijah Cook and James M. Estes, and in appointing Sylvena Prescott to the station of Elder, also in the appointing of fourteen associate members of the Meeting on

Ministry and Oversight. It has united with China Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Frank H. Jones; and in the appointment of Lydia R. Jones, Mary T. Gould, and Asenath C. Evans, to the station of Elder; and with Unity Monthly Meeting in appointing Clara E. Webb and Eva J. Jones to the station of Elder. J. Warren Starkey, a Minister and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, died Tenth Month 25th, 1891, aged 66 years. Henry Hanson, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died Third Month 26th, 1892, aged 73 years. Caleb Jones, an Elder and member of China Monthly Meeting died Second Month 17th, 1892, aged 64 years.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Daniel F. Jenness, Ida M. Jenness, and John H. Osborn, to the station of Elder; and with Berwick, in the appointment of six associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Ira T. Jenkins, an Elder and member of Dover Meeting, died Fifth Month 3d, 1892, aged 65 years. Oliver Meader, an Elder and member of Berwick Meeting, died Tenth Month 31st, 1892, aged 77 years. Horatio S. Morrell, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died Third Month 26th, 1893, aged 83 years. Mary H. Morrell, a Minister and member of the same Meeting, died Third Month 28th, 1893, aged 80 years. It has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in changing the place of holding said Meeting in the Second and Seventh Months to Gonic, N. H., same times.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Levi Richmond, Sarah B. Richmond, and Mary G. Winslow, to the station of Elder; and in the appointment by two Monthly Meetings, of nineteen associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Proctor Sampson, an Elder and member of Winthrop Monthly Meeting, died Fifth Month 18th, 1893, aged 86 years, 11 months, and 27 days.

Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting reports that Sarah W. Leonard, an Elder and member of Parsonsfield Meeting, died Seventh Month 13th, 1892, aged 79 years, 11 months, and 10 days. Moses L.

Cobb, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, died Ninth Month 21st, 1892, aged 53 years.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions at 3.45 this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

12. Owen Dame, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing the name of Timothy B. Hussey for clerk, and Daniel C. Maxfield and I. Warren Hawkes for assistant clerks, whose names separately considered being united with, they are appointed to the respective services the ensuing year.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 4 P. M.

SIXTH-DAY AFTERNOON.

Friends met in joint session near the hour appointed.

13. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, R. I., presented their Annual Report, which was read, approved, and is as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee to whom was intrusted the care and interests of the Boarding School at Providence under the charge of the Yearly Meeting, in presenting the Seventy-fourth Annual Report of its proceedings, have gratefully to acknowledge that it has been a year of exceptional prosperity in various ways. The health of the scholars and family has been remarkably good. The Principal in his communication to the Committee in its meeting in the Eleventh Month stated, "The school has never since my being here seemed to be more earnest in its work, more pure, and the quality of students has never been so strong in moral character. I believe we gain each year in the recent years in this respect." And each subsequent report of the principal has confirmed the impression thus early made. The Sub-Committees, in their regular reports from observation both in the class rooms and in various other ways, have uniformly borne testimony to the excellence of the instruction given, and thoroughness of the work accomplished. Their frequent attendance of the Meetings for Worship held at the school, both on First and Fourth days, enables them to testify to the evident interest manifested, and various exhibitions of a steady and healthy spiritual growth, so that we can with confidence assert, that at no time since our connection with the Institution, has the spiritual and intellectual standard of the school been upon a higher plane than at the present time.

The following Minute was placed upon our records at the meeting of the Committee in the Eleventh Month last, viz.: —

"We have to record that since our last meeting we have sustained a great loss in the removal by death of Thomas Chase, LL. D., one of our number, who died Tenth Month 5th, 1892. Although his connection with this school as a member of the Committee was comparatively brief, yet his deep interest in the Institution had been of long standing, and his services were very much appreciated by us. The cause of education has sustained a very great loss by his death."

During the past year, a two-tenement "Teachers' House" has been erected upon the premises, and occupied by two of the teachers and their families, promoting, as we believe, their comfort and convenience, and thus supplying a long-felt need.

The Committee at this time record their profound satisfaction on account of the removal of taxation from a large portion of the school property under the provisions of the following act, to wit: —

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS,
JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1893.

An Act in amendment of an act passed at the October Session, A. D. 1823, entitled "An Act to authorize and enable The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England to receive, hold, manage, appropriate, and dispose of property for charitable and benevolent and other purposes," and of the acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows: —

SECTION 1. All of the real estate of the corporation created by act of the General Assembly passed at the October Session, A. D. 1823, under the name of The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England now owned or held in trust by it, except as is hereinafter provided, and all the personal property held, or that may be held, by it, absolutely or in trust, under or for the purposes of its said act of incorporation, shall hereinafter be exempt from taxation, so long as said real estate and personal property shall be owned and used by said corporation exclusively for educational purposes.

Provided, however, that the following described parcels of land, situated in the city of Providence, as delineated upon that certain plat to be recorded, entitled "Plat of Friends' School Estate surveyed and drawn by Wm. S. Haines, 1877," shall not be exempt from taxation under the provisions hereof, namely: *First*, a parcel of land bounded by Alumni Avenue, Moses Brown Avenue, Barnes Street, and Thayer Street. *Second*, a parcel of land bounded by Olney Street, Pennington Avenue, Alumni Avenue, and Thayer Street. *Third*, those certain lots of land numbered on said plat from forty-three to fifty-two, both inclusive. *Fourth*, a parcel of land bounded by Alumni Avenue, Arlington Avenue, Lloyd Avenue, and Columbus Avenue. *Fifth,* a parcel of land on the easterly side of Arlington Avenue of about one and three quarters acres.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon its second passage.

This act was secured after more than seventy-five days of constant effort, and it exempts the personal property, the buildings and groves, play-grounds, orchards, and garden, including more than twenty-six acres of land. In the accomplishment of this result we desire to express our appreciation of the services of the Principal, Augustine Jones, whose experience in legislative and educational matters was invaluable, in the settlement of important questions involved, in thus restoring to this Institution the prospective freedom from taxation which it was entitled to under existing State law, previous to 1876. We recognize in the travel of this act through the Legislature the guidance and special providence of our Father in Heaven, and to Him, for this blessing and many others attending the Institution this year, we return our most heartfelt thanks.

> "Not vainly the gift of the founder was made;
> Not prayerless the stones of its corners were laid;
> The blessings of Him whom in secret they sought
> Has owned the good work the fathers have wrought."

It is a further matter of interest that our charter is, by its special structure, supposed to be beyond the control of the Legislature to such a degree that it can neither be amended nor repealed, except with our consent, so long as the decision in the famous Dartmouth College case is the law of the land. And if the question is ever raised, it will have to be settled not by the State Courts, but by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The number of scholars for the year has been, —

Boarders	161
Day students	17
Total	178

OFFICERS OF GOVERNMENT AND INSTRUCTION.

AUGUSTINE JONES, A.M., LL. B., Principal, and Political Science.

WILLLIAM E. SARGENT, A. M., Governor, and English Studies and Calisthenics for Boys.

EVELYN BARROWS, B. S., Preceptress, and English Studies.

THOMAS J. BATTEY, A. M., Natural Science.

MARY E. RAWSON, Vocal and Instrumental Music.

SOPHIA L. PITMAN, Drawing and Painting.

WALTER S. MEADER, A. M., Higher Mathematics.

FREDERICK H. HOWARD, A. M., Greek and Latin.

CHARLES R. JACOB, A. B., Modern Languages.

LUCIA A. WHEELER, A. B., English Studies.

ALICE F. MAYBERRY, English Studies, Autumn Term.

HELEN L. THOMAS, A. B., English Studies, Spring Term.

Abbie D. Cartland, Primary Room.
Eliza D. Gardiner, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.
Charles E. Cobb, Charge of Boys' School-room.
Robert Bonner, Instrumental Music.
Lydia Sargent, Calisthenics for Girls.
Charles E. Cobb, Secretary and Book-keeper.
Grace King Peaslee, Librarian.

LECTURER.

Thomas J. Battey, A. M., Natural Science.

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the school, per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund, $75. Credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same fund, of $25. And a further credit to any member of the New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $75. The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, or German, of $10; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made, except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

Providence, Fifth Month 30th, 1893.

Note. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 13th, 1893, and the Spring Term begins Second Month 7th, 1894.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, Eighth Month 1st, 1893.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Eighth Month 1st, 1893.

Applications should be sent to the Principal, Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.

The report is cheering and encouraging, and we believe that the blessing of the Lord has evidently rested upon the efforts of those who have so diligently labored for its prosperity.

We appoint Henry C. Aydelott and others to propose to this Meeting the names of a committee to have the charge of the School the ensuing year. They are also requested to propose the names of a Real Estate Committee.

14. This Meeting accepts the amendment to its Charter granted by the Rhode Island Legislature, at its January Session in Providence, 1893.

AUDITORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEVENTH MONTH 1ST, 1892.

RESOURCES.

Charitable Scholarship Fund	$2,175 00	
Elizabeth Frye " "	1,500 00	
General " "	5,750 00	
Stephen T. Olney Fund for Scholarships	3,575 00	
Philip J. Tripp Scholarship Fund	300 00	
Day Students' Tuition	1,827 75	
Auxiliary Studies, etc.	4,348 86	
Board and Tuition	34,924 46	
		$54,401 07

EXPENDITURES.

Salary Account	$15,517 45	
Wages	11,241 41	
Provisions	11,330 37	
Advertising	1,268 07	
Repairs	3,854 49	
Library	734 36	
Water	478 72	
Fuel	1,364 25	
Light	872 30	
Incidentals	325 60	
Improvements	3,055 45	
Debts considered bad	424 75	
Balance to profit and loss, exclusive of taxes paid by real estate sales	3,933 85	
		$54,401 07

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON,
ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
CHARLES SISSON,
JAMES H. CHACE,
EDWARD T. TUCKER,
Auditors.

15. The Committee on Real Estate presented the following report, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We have sold during the past year, —

One lot of land containing 13,500 square feet, for	$6,300 00
Received for deed delivered on a previous contract for sale of 8,750 square feet	3,300 00
Interest on same for six months	99 00
Balance reported on hand last year	227 88
	$9,926 88

EXPENDITURES.

Cash per expenses	$81 50
Paid J. H. Chace, Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds	9,845 38
	$9,926 88

ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
Clerk of Real Estate Committee.

Providence, Fifth Month 29th, 1893.

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.

James H. Chace.
Samuel R. Buffinton.
Charles Sisson.
Olney T. Meader.
Robert P. Gifford.

16. The Committee having charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute presented their Annual Report, which has been read.

The faithful effort of the management is highly appreciated by this Meeting, and the report is accepted. The Committee is reappointed with the addition of the names of Rufus M. Jones and Elenora S. Woodman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Another year of prosperity has attended the school at Oak Grove, and again we record our grateful appreciation of our Heavenly Father's favor and blessing.

The attendance has been unusually large, numbering one hundred and thirty-five pupils, and the boarding department has been full during most of the school year. The health of the school has been exceptionally good, and both the literary and religious work highly satisfactory to your Committee. Meetings for worship have been regularly held on First-days and in the middle of the week. Of these the Principal says: "Our meetings have been seasons of great blessing to us all. Many of the scholars have given unmistakable evidence that their hearts have been changed, and we believe that God has been crowned in very many lives here."

The graduating class numbered twelve,— seven boys and five girls. Of these the Principal says: "It was an unusually strong class of young men and women of *decided character*, and I believe some of them will make themselves felt in the world. Eleven of the twelve are active, professed Christians."

Among the acquisitions of the past year may be mentioned a five-inch Alvin Clark telescope, presented to the school by George L. Crosman and Herbert O. Jepson, of Lynn, Mass; a fine piano, the gift of our dear friend, Sophia D. Bailey, of Winthrop, which is highly appreciated; and an acre of land deeded by Vassalboro Monthly Meeting. It lies directly in front of the Seminary, and is being made into a park which will add much to the beauty and permanent value of the grounds.

At a meeting of the Committee held in the Fifth Month, Rufus M. Jones gave notice that he felt the time had come for him to sever his connection with the school. The four years of his administration have been years of prosperity, of steady growth and development; not only have his labors been marked by executive ability and literary excellence, but as a religious teacher he has "allured to brighter worlds and led the way." In leaving us, to enter upon a broader field of labor, it is the united prayer of the Committee with whom he has been so pleasantly associated that the Divine blessing may abide upon him. The services of his wife, Sarah C. Jones, as head of the household department, have also been highly appreciated, and her Christian influence has been very helpful in the school family. Henry H. Goddard, who has ably seconded Rufus M. Jones in the work of the school during the past two years, has been selected to succeed him as Principal for the coming year. The other members of the faculty are not yet fully decided upon. With the acknowledgment that hitherto the Lord hath helped us, we turn trustfully to the future and commend Oak Grove School with its important interests to the Christian care of the Yearly Meeting.

All applications for admission to the school should be made to

HENRY H. GODDARD, A. M., *Principal*,
Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute,
Vassalboro, Me.

On behalf of the Committee,

CHARLES M. BAILEY, *Chairman.*
I. WARREN HAWKES, *Secretary.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 9th, 1893.

TREASURER'S REPORT, OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

RECEIPTS.

Cash received on Fund	$3,500 00	
Interest on General Fund	1,224 85	
Interest on Sibyl Jones Fund	44 33	
Interest on Mary E. Austin Fund	215 44	
Board and Tuition	4,793 87	
Cash received from State Treasurer	800 00	
Cash received from sale of cow	35 00	
		$10,613 49

EXPENDITURES.

Cash on Fund paid C. M. Bailey, Trustee	$3,500 00	
Salaries	3,033 32	
Wages	716 96	
Scholarships	331 00	
Repairs and Renewals	284 51	
Provisions	1,675 62	
Fuel	612 36	
Lights	52 54	
Incidentals	128 83	
		$10,335 14
Cash on hand		$278 35

JOS. E. BRIGGS,
Treasurer.

We have examined the itemized accounts, of which the above is a summary, with the vouchers, and found them correct.

GEO. L. CROSMAN,
HANNAH J. BAILEY,
Auditors.

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 9th, 1893.

17. The Committee on Education presented the following Report, which has been read, and is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Committee now under appointment is reappointed with the exception of Augustine Jones, released at his own request. George A. Barton is appointed on the Committee in his place.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England:

The Committee on Education report that though there has been little definite work done under the auspices of this Committee during the year, yet there are many evidences that a gradual progress in education is being made. The schools of the Yearly Meeting have never been in a more prosperous condition,.and advantages are now offered our young Friends, which have been possible in no other period of the Society's history, and such as are not easily found elsewhere. It is apparent that many of our members do not realize how important it is that their children should have the advantages of development and training which our own schools offer. Many families situated where only meagre privileges of education are possible, do not avail themselves of the opportunities of securing for their children the culture, the broadening and refining influences which every Friend's child should receive. Our fathers, at great sacrifices and cost, labored to secure for their children, and children then unborn, the possibilities of wider and truer education than the State has ever offered. The schools they founded have increased their means of usefulness, while the need for such a training as these schools offer is more than ever apparent, and yet our young members are being educated by those who are not able to give them broad views of life, or to fire their hearts with noble purposes, or to fit them for active service, in any such measure as is done in our own schools.

Our Society has nobly stood for *individuality* and *personal responsibility*, and with us the church work and religious service are not delegated to any class, but are the duty of all; but to maintain this high position our members must have the best possible training and development. And we must all be aware that secular learning is not enough, that early in life the soul must be filled with its responsibility to its Maker, and must be turned to the Divine Teacher, for a fuller knowledge of the Way of Life. It is our duty to see that our members are being given the highest and fullest education which is possible in this age of the world and if we neglect this and rest satisfied with the partial teaching of any teacher who happens to be near and who is inexpensive, we shall see such a course followed by degeneration throughout the Society. This day and our present condition demand schools which are the nurseries of truth, and teachers who can stir the highest impulse of mind and soul in our youth.

On behalf of the Committee,

RUFUS M. JONES.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

To the Yearly Meeting:

RECEIPTS.

To balance from last year	$20 39
Sixth Mo., 1893. Cash from the Monthly Meetings . . .	21 06
Total	$41 45

On behalf of the Committee,
AUGUSTINE JONES, *Chairman.*

18. Read, to our edification, the joint epistle from New York Yearly Meeting.

19. MEN'S COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

William P. Pinkham.
Rufus M. Jones.
Robert P. Gifford.
George L. Crosman.
H. C. Aydelott.
Jesse McPherson.
John C. Taylor.
Samuel Buffum.
John Ellwood Paige.
George C. Herbert.
Henry Swift.
Henry H. Goddard.
James M. Estes.
Frank E. Jones.
Henry F. Newell.

20. Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow, at 10 A. M.

Seventh-day Morning, Sixth Month 10th.

21. The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

22. Read the joint epistles from Wilmington and Ohio Yearly Meetings.

23. The Report of the Committee on Gospel Work was now read, accepted, and is as follows: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK FOR THE YEAR ENDING SIXTH MONTH, 10TH, 1893.

Dear Friends, — Once more in the providence of God we come before the Yearly Meeting with the report of the Evangelistic work the past year.

As grace and strength have been given, we have zealously labored to carry forward the work laid upon us by the Church. It has been a year of earnest labor with us, and with our workers, and as we bring the results thereof, we would ask all to join with us in returning unto the Lord of the harvest all the glory.

We find the Church is feeling more and more that her great mission is to preach the Gospel to every creature, and to see that those who accept the Saviour are fed with food convenient for them. Several of our Ministers and many of the Gospel workers have labored faithfully, and with great zeal, some of them have made many sacrifices in preaching the Gospel, and have devoted themselves entirely to it.

We would be glad if more of our Sisters would devote themselves entirely to the Ministry of the Word.

Nearly all the reports that come to us are of an encouraging character; most of our Meetings are destitute of any systematic plan for doing Pastoral work, yet with all the seeming unfaithfulness and neglect, non-attendance at Meetings, inactivity in work, silence as to prayer and testimony, want of system in nurturing the flock, — there is the most encouraging evidence that the Lord is richly blessing all the means that has been employed for Him, and the life of many of our Meetings and the activity of the membership is increasing. God is raising up Ministers and workers. Old men are dreaming dreams, young men are seeing visions, and sons and daughters are revealing Jesus.

Our Committee has held two meetings and we have felt the work now requires the greatest wisdom, with a firm and steady exercise of faith, courage, and perseverance, with much prayer and dependence upon God.

We were knit together in love and were much favored to see eye to eye in this important work. The several Meetings passed before us in review, many of them wanting revivals and others needing them. We dwelt upon such as seemed to need the most attention; with some there were emergencies that required attention and had to be daily watched and provided for. We began our work with the hope of reaching every meeting with a revival, but we could not do it for want of means. All our Quarterly Meetings have had some work done; and in some of them, all their Meetings have had help, and many of them have had revivals.

The results of the work would somewhat exceed the following aggregate as a few of the meetings are not reported: —

Number of series of meetings	24
" " meetings in these series	913
" " " visited	53
" " Bible readings	42
" " children's meetings	16
" " family visits	492
" " professed conversions	613
" " " renewals	163
" " " " and conversions	778
" " requests for membership	163
" " Y. P. S. C. E. organized	3
With a membership of more than	100

Two Mission Sabbath Schools have been organized, with about one hundred members. In many of their meetings believers were urged to a full consecration of themselves to God, with the definite purpose and desire that He might accomplish in them His own will, even their sanctification. We think there is assuring evidence that a considerable number came into possession of this blessing, and that with many others, vows were taken and renewed, faith strengthened, and the standard of life raised in the meetings. The General Superintendent has devoted to this work, the past year, two hundred and fifty-nine days in holding revivals, and lending a helping hand to others in the work, visiting Meetings and looking after their needs, and rendering such other assistance as would conserve the interests of the Church. He has attended about four hundred services, has paid out for railroad and incidental expenses, for himself and others, $132.79. Has used and expended from the treasury, from Monthly Meetings, and all other sources, $723.73.

As to the evangelistic strength of the Yearly Meeting, we would say there is a vast reserve power in our limits, unexpended, — latent forces which might be brought into action. If provisions were made to sustain all our efficient workers as long as they could be effectively used there might not only be during the Winter a revival in each Meeting, but we could go to a large number of places away from our Meetings, but within their influence, and from whence is coming the cry for help, and gather into the fold hundreds of perishing souls by which new meetings might be formed every year.

We wish to acknowledge the uniform kindness with which we have been met by all that we have in any way been associated with, and the unity and sweetness of spirit that has been manifested by all the Quarterly Meeting, Superintendents, Committee, and workers.

As we submit our report we desire that the Lord's blessing may continue with the work, and that the Church " may be filled with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost "

DAVID J. DOUGLAS,
General Superintendent.

This very interesting report was satisfactory to the Meeting. We have also been deeply interested in the supplementary explanations by our General Superintendent. We feel thankful for the faithful and arduous labors of our Committee, and this important concern is entrusted to the same Committee the ensuing year.

24. TREASURER'S REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

RECEIPTS.

By balance from last year	$84 64
By funds returned	25 00
By collection at Yearly Meeting	104 94
By individual subscriptions	534 00
Received from monthly and preparative meetings	467 09
	$1,215 67

EXPENDITURES.

To cash paid for Gospel work	$1,175 23
To balance on hand	40 44
	$1,215 67

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 2.45 this afternoon.

SEVENTH-DAY AFTERNOON.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

25. The Committee on Peace have presented their Annual Report, which is very satisfactory; we appreciate their labors; and while the Committee has lost one of its able advocates and supporters, we have remembered the words, "That the Lord buries His workers but carries on His work." We commend the subject to the continued care of the Committee, who are reappointed, with the addition of Gertrude W. Cartland and Augustine Jones.

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The decease of our dear Friend, Thomas Chase (late Chairman of our Committee) causes much sadness at our loss, and the loss which the cause of peace has thus sustained. He had been a deep student of the sorrows and the progress of mankind, and looked forward with the fulness of faith to the ultimate triumph of the Prince of Peace. His earnest labors to that end, and the noble Christian sentiments expressed in his writings and public addresses may well be remembered and cherished by the living.

The active work of the Committee during the year has principally devolved upon our Friend, Hannah J. Bailey, of the Committee on Lectures, by whose solicitation ten lectures have been given by Dr. Trueblood, ten lectures by John F. Hanson, of South Dakota, and the same number by his wife, Alice Hanson; two addresses by Susan S. Fessenden, of Boston, and two by Mary E. Gleason, of Roslindale, Mass. Also some public meetings in the interest of the cause have been held, at which several persons took part in the exercises, and peace literature was distributed. All these have been approved by the Committee and most of the money given was thus expended.

By advice of the Committee several sermons have been preached on this part of the Gospel. Dr. Trueblood has given his excellent and instructive addresses on "The Military Condition of Europe" at Oak Grove Seminary and at Providence School.

One of the senior scholars at Oak Grove prepared a very good essay on peace, and rendered it as a part of the graduation exercises. A letter received by one of the Committee from a senior at Providence gives us assurance that Dr. Trueblood's address was just suited for fixing and confirming the peace principles which are well taught at that Institution.

There has been some diligence (especially in Maine) in distributing leaflets among the children and in increasing the circulation of the "Angel of Peace," and also of the "Pacific Banner," and the "Acorn."

It would be well if the "American Advocate of Peace" were taken more extensively (an excellent monthly published in Boston by the American Peace Society). Through its pages one can keep well informed of the progress of peace and arbitration among the nations.

The subject is discussed in a broad spirit and attractive style, which makes it a useful paper to hand out to a thinking neighbor.

The "Christian Arbitrator and Messenger of Peace," published by the Peace Association of Friends, deserves better support. Our Friends who are laboring to make this organization, with its publications and effective means for spreading peace principles, are entitled to our cordial sympathy and financial aid. A conference called by the Peace Association was held last autumn at Indianapolis to attend which, we appointed some Friends, not members of the Committee, and gave them certificates to act in our behalf. These delegates will report directly to the Yearly Meeting at this time.

An International Peace Congress is to be held at Chicago in Eighth Month next, at which we trust that our religious society will be well represented in numbers. Some of them have already received appointments as delegates by other Peace Organizations, and some are among those who are laboring most to promote the interest of the Congress, and to make it a success in forwarding a cause of so much value to the world.

The humane and Christian plan of settling national difficulties by peaceful arbitration is gaining a firmer place year by year. The noblest minds among statesmen are giving the subject the attention which it demands. The confidence that whatever decision the Behring Sea Court may make, the same will be accepted as just and honorable, is proof of advancing light among the people.

Although our radical testimony against all wars and fightings is very far from *popular*, it seems to be no time for us to step down from a position in which a Kind Providence has placed us for a good purpose. A peace-loving and peace-fostering life is still fruitful for good.

On behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL BUFFUM, *Secretary.*

26. The report of the Treasurer in account with the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Peace, is as follows: —

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON, *Treasurer, in account with* THE YEARLY MEETING'S COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

RECEIPTS.

1892.			
6th Mo.	11	For balance from last year's account . . .	$11 14
" "	20	For amount received from Augustine Jones, Chairman of Committee on Education . . .	3 00
		For amount received from the Monthly Meetings .	70 23
		For amount received from individual contributions,	13 50
9/17/92			$97 87

EXPENDITURES.

9th Mo.	6	By amount paid Hannah J. Bailey on account lecture Committee	$75 00
6th Mo.	10	By balance on hand	22 87
			$97 87

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON, *Treasurer.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 10th, 1893.

Approved by Hannah J. Bailey and Thomas Wood, Sixth Month 10th, 1893.

27. We appoint John H. Crosman and others to nominate a committee to serve as delegates to the Peace Conference in Chicago, to be held from the 14th to the 20th of Eighth Month next.

28. The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented their Annual Report which has been read and accepted. It is as follows: —

REPORT OF THE ELI AND SYBIL JONES MISSION.

TO THE YEARLY COMMITTEE:

The Committee on Foreign Missions present to the Yearly Meeting the following report of the work at Ramallah.

Huldah H. Leighton, Superintendent of the Mission, writes: —

Again we acknowledge, with heart-felt thankfulness, the goodness of our Heavenly Father in maintaining and prospering the work of this Mission another year.

The Monthly Meeting has just entered upon its fourth year's existence. Its progress has been slow, but we believe sure and permanent. The names of nine new members have been recorded during the last twelve months, three by request and six by birth. The Sabbath morning meetings hold their own, and sometimes the meeting room has been as full as was practicable for the comfort of those who were present. Occasionally, owing to the dampness of the room, we have had all the services at the Mission House, occupying the kitchen, dining-room, passages, and schoolroom.

The treasury of the Monthly Meeting contains two hundred and forty francs, about forty-eight dollars, which is still sacredly kept to assist the dear Friends of New England in building a new meeting-house when they are ready. The people seem to take much pleasure in giving of their small means and will also be glad to work with their hands when there is a prospect of having a more suitable place of worship of their own.

The interesting Sabbath School continues to be one of the brightest and most profitable hours of the week. During the past year the average attendance has been seventy. As yet, ours is the only school of the kind in all Palestine so far as we know. Owing to the disturbances among some of the families in the village, we find our mid-week meetings have been somewhat affected. Some who have been in the habit of attending constantly have been induced by their friends to stay away. They know that we, as a Society, do not approve of fighting or injuring each other in any way, but instead we seek to obey the command to "love our enemies," and we are glad to be able to state that many of our native members have remained faithful, and are constant attenders at all our services.

The Mothers' Meetings have been held quite regularly and there has been a marked improvement in the looks and manners of the women. Many have learned to read their Bibles with more readiness and better understanding. There is some difficulty in persuading the women of one part of the village to attend the meetings in the other part owing to the custom of the people residing in different quarters of the village, each family or tribe by itself. There is a very striking difference between the different quarters of the village of Ramallah, that nearest the Mission being the highest in every respect.

A very interesting and helpful society called the "Peace Makers" has been commenced among the Training Home girls, and they hold meetings every week. One Sabbath morning a sad quarrel and throwing of stones occurred among the Greeks and Latins while the little "Peace Makers" session was in progress, and the thought came, why should there not be a similar meeting for the adults. It was accordingly arranged for, with the object of promoting peace in hearts, homes, village, and country. The work was started with twelve true and interested members, and we ask the prayers of Friends for its success.

Some new duties have been added this year to the work of the Training Home girls, such as washing clothes and aiding more in the making of their bread. The older girls, after their Scripture lessons, were given practice in teaching in their own language by taking charge of the five youngest children. The children are never idle; when not busy with their regular studies, they knit stockings or make needlework lace.

Instead of talking one day only in English, as they did last year, they now speak in our language four afternoons each week, and consequently each child can speak broken sentences. They seem very fond of learning English. In the study of the Bible, also, considerable progress has been made.

The Boys' Day School has been small this year owing to the interference of the Greek priests; besides, many of their fathers have built new rooms and the women and children not only aided in the building but were often made to do the most difficult part of the work.

One boy, the son of a native Friend, who was very anxious to obtain an education, was taken into the Training Home as a day scholar until some provision could be made for him to enter another school.

The Girls' Day School was never before quite so prosperous as it has been during the past six months. A new teacher from Beyrout, of five years' experience, was obtained for this school, and under new instruction the children have made grand improvement. Through the influence of this school and the Mothers' Meeting, the whole Greek quarter of the village has improved in many ways. Unfortunately we learn that three of the older girls (the eldest is only ten years old) are to be married soon. This unnatural custom of early marriages causes constant changes in the day schools, and we are earnestly endeavoring to prevent them as far as possible.

One day there came to the Mission a delegation of several of the oldest inhabitants of Jiffneh, a village two hours north of Ramallah, to petition us to open a day school for girls in that place. The place was visited, suitable rooms obtained, an excellent teacher engaged, and work was begun among the women and children, the first week in the year. About thirty women came to the Mothers' Meetings and thirteen girls are regular attendants of the school. Our teacher, Karma Gibran by name, holds regular meetings each Sabbath for women and children; the school has been visited and found to be doing well. We ask the prayers of Friends for this good work. Our kind Friends of Baltimore Yearly Meeting have taken much interest in this school and have forwarded the amount needful to defray its expenses for a year, no small part of the money being raised by two little children who have thus early sought to help other little children in a far-away country.

Urgent petitions have come to us to open girls' schools in Beer-Zait and Taiyibeh. This will gladly be done as soon as the necessary means are provided. The Medical Department has been carried on as usual, but good health has prevailed to an unusual degree, with no cholera, and consequently no quarantine. Thirty-six villages have been visited by our physician, and one hundred and sixty days spent with patients at the dispensary. Three thousand two hundred and fifty prescriptions were made up and eighty-three surgical operations performed. The income from the medical visits was one hundred and eighty dollars, and from the Dispensary one hundred and eight dollars.

The time for which our Dispensary building was hired has nearly expired, and it is more and more difficult to hire rooms. We hope the time may soon come when we may have sufficient means to erect the much needed buildings where all can be accommodated.

At Christmas time the exercises were much as usual, with the addition of a Santa Claus, with whom many of the children of this land were previously unacquainted. A magic lantern exhibition also gave much pleasure to the children and adults.

In Third Month an all day examination was held at the meeting-house where the children did great credit to themselves and their teachers. The house was well filled in the evening with a curious mixture of people who listened attentively to a carefully prepared program which was creditably gone through with to the delight of all present.

The vineyard yield this year was as good as usual and supplied the Mission family with grapes until late in the Tenth Month. Owing to the heavy rains we shall be obliged to let it rest the coming year without the usual plowing, but we trust it will yield as good supply as before.

We purchased some land, in the Ninth Month, for building purposes, and now it is enclosed with the Mission grounds, and is bearing a good crop of barley for the old Mission horse Nimmer.

We have been cheered and encouraged by a visit from our friends Anna Sutton and Elizabeth Brown of New York Y. M., and by visits or calls of missionaries of this and other lands as they passed on their way through Palestine. Through the kind efforts of Thomas and Isabel Barrows, who visited us last year, some of our English Friends have sent to the Mission a large and useful writing desk which will be most convenient and helpful. We gratefully acknowledge this proof of kindly thought and true "Friendliness."

As we look back over the past year our hearts overflow with gratitude for the blessings which have been showered upon the work and the workers. We thank our kind Father in heaven for the many friends He has raised up in aid of the Mission. To those who have made sacrifices for the sake of "the least of these," we wish we could express our gratitude to God for the help thus given.

To all who have by their prayers, or in other ways, been co-workers with God in this work, we bid you Godspeed, for surely the blessing of the Most High rests upon this work of His own right hand planting.

On behalf of the Committee,

SUSAN T. THOMPSON,

Secretary.

Three thousand dollars requested through the envelope system.

This report brings freshly to view the important field of labor where the little seed of the Gospel, planted many years ago, has grown into a goodly plant which is being carefully nurtured by diligent and faithful laborers who have gone from our midst. We extend to them a word of cheer, and earnestly desire their encouragement in this good work, on which the blessing of the Lord so evidently rests. The same Committee who served the Meeting last year, are reappointed to that service the ensuing year, with the addition of Augustine Jones.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, *in account with* WILLIAM T. HUSSEY, *Treasurer*.

CONDENSED REPORT.

Receipts from subscriptions, bequests, and donations . .		$6,702 01
Disbursements and deposits for "Building Fund,"	$6,274 56	
Balance on hand	427 45	
		$6,702 01

Examined the itemized account and vouchers and found correct.

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Auditor*.

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 10th, 1893.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

29. In reporting the Indian work, it is with thankfulness that we can say, the Lord has blessed it throughout the year, turning one and another from pagan darkness to the feet of Jesus, to see His marvellous light.

From the report of the Associated Executive Committee, we learn that there are three newly established meetings, making nineteen in all, under the care of Friends, in Indian and Oklahoma Territories, with an average attendance of fifty at each on First-day morning, making an attendance of about nine hundred and fifty in all. Besides these there are sixteen other places where meetings are held, as Friends in the field are able to attend them. Frequent and pressing requests come from Indians in new places to hold meetings. One Monthly and two Preparative Meetings have been added since our last report, making four Monthly and eleven Preparative Meetings, under the care of Friends, and these, together with Spring River Monthly Meeting in Kansas, have recently been formed into a Quarterly Meeting, called Grand River Quarterly Meeting. This new meeting was held at the Ottawa Meeting-house, and we are informed that it was largely attended, and owned and blest by the Head of the Church. Considerable inconvenience and loss to congregations arise from Indians moving about from place to place, so that they often settle down for a time at a distance from our schools and meetings. But through all the difficulties that attend the work, there has been much blessing, and souls have been won to Christ. There have been several series of meetings, two of them in Second Month were attended with many conversions, and forty applications for membership. During the year, one hundred and eighty-three have professed conversion, and one hundred and thirty-seven have been added to the membership, while sixty-five have removed or in other ways ceased to be members. Three new Bible schools have been added, making sixteen in all, with four hundred and twenty-five pupils, average attendance. Seven native teachers and officers assist in the care of the schools. Friends in the field have shown much dedication to their work, some of them giving freely of their means, besides their diligent service. The Modoc Meeting and Bible school have been largely attended this winter and an increase of religious interest has been shown. Earnest efforts have been made to induce all the Modocs to abstain from the use of intoxicants which are so freely sold in the border town of Seneca. Another evidence of fidelity to their Christian instruction has been that some of the Indians, when called upon to act as policemen, have declined to carry any deadly weapons, relying chiefly upon moral force to overawe those whom they were required to arrest. Jeremiah Hubbard, at his own request, was released from the care of the Wyandotte Meeting to engage in evangelistic work. Ottawa Meeting has grown in numbers and spiritual life. The New Quarterly Meeting was held there last month. The labors of Amos and Charity Davis have been blessed among the Senecas. This meeting has eighty-two members. John and Lucy Winney (Indians) are faithful Elders of this meeting. They visit from house to house, inviting the heathen element to come and hear of Jesus.

Skiatook Meeting and school are still under the care of John and Eliza Watson. The self-sacrifice of these workers, and their readiness to labor on, amid many privations, deserve warm commendation.

The decisions declaring all allotters citizens of the United States, and their personal property subject to taxation, has created quite a panic among some of the wilder tribes, and taken them by surprise, as they understood that the twenty-five years, during which the United States is to hold their land in trust, was to be allowed them, to prepare themselves for full citizenship. The present year the officials sought to assess the absentee Shawnees; the consequence was that about one half of them took their effects and fled to the Creek and Cherokee country to avoid taxation, where they still remain. The collection of taxes from the less civilized Indians will work hardship, as they seldom keep any money on hand, and taxes could not be collected without selling their scanty stock, which they could ill afford to lose. Shawneetown Meeting is still under the care of Dr. and Rachel Kirk, who not only have the care of this meeting, but an oversight of all the rest, he being a superintendent of the work. The Iowa Meeting is now under the care of Charles E. Pearson and his wife, who reside near it. The removal of some of the families of Indians from the vicinity has caused the school to be closed for a time, and Lina B. Lunt, who had charge of this school, was removed to the Kickapoo station to assist Elizabeth Test in the care and teaching of the children. John F. Mardoc and his wife reside near the Kickapoo station, and the former devotes himself to work among the adult Indians. Elizabeth Test and Lina Lunt are supported by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, who will report the work of those two stations more fully. We notice in a little paper called the *Indian Moccasin* that John Winney, a full-blood Indian, in company with Jeremiah Hubbard, visited the meetings comprising Shawneetown Monthly Meeting.

We quote a little speech of his made to the Iowas: "My brothers, I come to tell you all about the love of Jesus; how He came into the world to save sinners, and that He wants to save Indians too; and Jesus save me, keep me all the time; I talk to Jesus, Jesus talk to me, and I want all Indians to give themselves to Jesus, and He will keep them in the right way all the time. When Indian listen what Jesus say, He tell them 'No drink whiskey, no get drunk.' Now I love Iowa Indians and want to meet you all in Heaven." The Associated Executive Committee of the various Yearly Meetings on the continent, have had charge of the Indian work, under the care of Friends, for twenty-four years. The work has prospered far beyond what the most sanguine could have hoped in 1869, and the question naturally arises, What shall we do with these Mission homes, Meeting and School houses, and their thirty-five congregations, and what is our duty to those who are still asking for helpers, when there is no one to tell them whether there be a Christ or no? It seems as if there could be but one answer, — Do all we can to quicken the pulse of New England Yearly Meeting, that she may guard well those children under her care, and not let the work languish for want of means to carry it on.

General Morgan, late Commissioner of Indian affairs, says: —

"There is danger that the Christian people of this country, in the present transition state of the work, will fail to appreciate the importance of distinctively Missionary work for these people, by virtue of which they may be weaned from their superstition and gross errors, and be led to the practical acceptance of the fundamental truths which all thoughtful Christian men regard as essential to their welfare."

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $4,000. We recommend that $525 be appropriated. We also ask that the Treasury of our Committee be replenished, not only by a collection in our Yearly Meeting, but by efforts made in all our Monthly Meetings, bringing up the amount to $1,000.

MYRA E. FRYE, *Secretary.*

We have felt a deep interest in this work as presented by the report, and desire that the Committee may be endued with Divine wisdom to meet the many important issues which so frequently arise at this critical period in the history of the race.

The Meeting approves of an appropriation of $525 for the use of the Executive Committee which is referred to the Committee on Finance. The Committee of last year was reappointed to serve the ensuing year.

COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS *in account with* SAMUEL BUFFUM, *Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$5 44
Collections and pledges at Newport	235 68
Received from Monthly Meeting Treasurers	356 75
" " Friend in Providence	10 00
" " Friend in Dover	5 00
" " Worcester Bible School	10 00
" " E. T. Read (collection in Woonsocket)	20 00
	$642 87

PAYMENTS.

Paid Jeremiah Hubbard	$22 00	
Support of C. W. Goddard	227 12	
Associated Executive Committee	75 00	
Expense of Delegate	55 00	
Aid to Skiatook Mission	100 00	
W. F. M. S. Sewing Machine	15 00	
Dr. C. S. Kirk	25 00	
Robin Hood, work in Oregon	15 00	
Aid of Kickapoo Mission	50 00	
Balance on hand	58 75	
		$642 87

30. The Committee on Memorials reported as follows: —

Your Committee to memorialize the President of the United States, in reference to the atrocities committed against the colored people of the South, against the opening of the Columbian Exposition on the Sabbath, against the licensing of the sale of intoxicating liquors in Alaska, also, to memorialize Congress upon the same subjects, and the Commissioners of the Columbian Exposition against opening the said Exposition on the Sabbath day, report that they have attended to the duties assigned them by sending to the President of the United States, the Senate and House of Representatives, and to the Commissioners of the Exposition, respectively, the memorials prepared by this Meeting last year.

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY, *for Committee.*

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 10th, 1893.

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions Second-day morning at 10 o'clock.

Second-day morning, Sixth Month 12th, the Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment in separate sessions.

31. The names of the Representatives being called they were all present except twenty.

32. We are informed that all the Quarterly Meetings have paid or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting their respective quotas of yearly stock.

33. Our beloved friend, Perrin Reynolds, a minister, with satisfactory credentials from Yorktown Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Purchase Quarterly Meeting, is acceptably in attendance of this Meeting.

34. Epistles were then read from our Friends of Kansas, North Carolina, Canada, and Western Yearly Meetings.

35. The Committee on Income of the Mosher Fund present the following report: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF THE MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the disbursement of the income of the Mosher Fund report that two hundred and ninety-five copies of a work entitled, "Making the Most of Life," written by J. R. Miller, have been distributed: some of the recipients of the book have acknowledged its helpfulness; the book has to do particularly with Christian living, and its contents are such as would be helpful to Christians of all denominations; it enforces those principles of the Christian religion which we hold in common with other branches of the Church.

The Yearly Meeting is happy in having had, as a part of itself, two persons, Eli and Sybil Jones, whose lives exhibited, to use the words of our trust, "the principles of the Christian religion as preached and promulgated by the early Friends." Thirty-four additional copies of "Eli and Sybil Jones: Their Life and Work" have been distributed.

"The Haydock's Testimony," published by request of the Christian Arbitration and Peace Society, Philadelphia, presents in a pleasing way the principles of the Society of Friends in regard to peace and slavery. One hundred copies of this book have been distributed.

The Committee subscribed for seventy copies of the "Friends' Review," having in mind members of our Society, who do not live near a meeting, and those who are "shut in" because of delicate health or for other reasons.

One hundred and fifty copies of a new book, "The Friends: Who They

Are — What They Have Done," by William Beck, have been ordered, but as they are to come from England, they are not yet in the hands of the Committee for distribution.

ALFRED H. JONES, *Chairman.*
SARAH MARBLE, *Secretary.*

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 8th, 1893.

H. H. MOSHER FUND — TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance as per last report	$236 39	
From Trustees	500 00	
From Savings Bank, interest	1 32	
		$737 71

EXPENDITURES.

For 295 copies "Making Most of Life"	$221 25	
34 " "Eli and Sybil Jones"	30 60	
70 " "Friends' Review"	105 00	
7 " "Thoughts on Holiness"	2 25	
7 " "Memoirs of Edward Scull"	7 00	
1 " "Instruction to Christian Converts"	33	
100 " "Haydock's Testimonies"	50 00	
Express, postage, etc.	20 19	
		$436 62
Balance to new account		$301 09

J. E. PAIGE, *Treasurer.*

The reports are satisfactory, and the same Committee is reappointed to that service the coming year.

NAMES OF THE COMMITTEE.

Alfred H. Jones,
Esther Jones,
J. Ellwood Paige,
Ruth S. Murray,
Sarah Marble,
I. Warren Hawkes,
Susan Peckham.

36. The Report of the Trustees of the George Sturge, Henry Camp, and Benjamin F. Knowles Fund have been read as follows and accepted: —

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE STURGE, HENRY CAMP, AND BENJAMIN F. KNOWLES FUNDS.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

George Sturge Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$3 38	
Coupons paid Seventh Month 1st, 1892	727 50	
" " First Month 1st, 1893	727 50	
Interest on Deposits	20 97	
		$1,479 35

EXPENDITURES.

Box in Rhode Island Safe Deposit	$10 00	
Assisting students, Fall Term	361 85	
" " Spring Term	1,088 15	
Balance for new account	19 35	
		$1,479 35

Henry Camp Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$68 09	
Interest on mortgage for $1,000	66 50	
" " deposit	2 64	
		$137 23

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Committee on Freedmen, Third Month 3d, 1893,	$50 00	
" " " Fifth Month 26th, "	80 00	
Balance for new account	7 23	
		$137 23

B. F. Knowles Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Dividend 53 Willimantic Linen Company, Eighth Month 1st, 1892	$4 50	
To Dividend 54 Willimantic Linen Company, Second Month 1st, 1893	4 50	
		$9 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Freedmen's Committee, Fifth Month 26th, 1893,	$9 00

On behalf of the Trustees,

AUGUSTINE JONES,
J. H. CHACE,
SUSAN T. THOMPSON.

38. We have read a Minute from Yorktown Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Purchase Quarterly Meeting, in favor of our Friend Sophronia E. Reynolds, an Elder and wife of our dear Friend Perrin Reynolds. Her company has been acceptable to us.

39. The Statistical Accounts, received from our several Quarterly Meetings, were now read, and are as follows, viz.: —

STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Number reported last year.	Error in last year's report. — Gain.	Error in last year's report. — Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number.
Rhode Island .	885	–	–	9	21	2	1	9	33	–	35	850
Salem	694	–	–	4	14	12	20	14	10	–	14	680
Sandwich . .	560	–	–	3	13	8	–	10	3	5	–	565
Falmouth . .	555	–	1	5	12	35	3	24	4	45	1	599
Smithfield . .	316	–	–	3	9	1	–	–	2	–	7	309
Vassalboro . .	506	–	70	2	6	1	–	39	2	34	70	470
Dover	190	–	1	2	5	–	–	5	2	–	1	189
Fairfield . . .	527	–	–	11	8	1	15	13	8	–	6	521
Parsonsfield . .	160	–	1	–	3	–	–	–	6	–	7	152
Total	4393	–	73	39	91	60	39	114	70	84	142	4335

NOTE. — While the above table shows an apparent loss of 58 members, there is a real gain of 12 members. This is owing to an error of last year in reporting 70 members too many.

40. STATISTICS OF CHILDREN.

	Number of children between 4 and 21.	Number of children between 12 and 21.	Number attending School.	Number attending School taught or controlled by Friends.	Number attending School taught or controlled by Friends, between 12 and 21.
Rhode Island	149	90	112	14	14
Salem	120	79	95	16	8
Sandwich	86	46	44	17	14
Falmouth	105	51	87	6	5
Smithfield	34	24	25	–	3
Vassalboro	62	33	49	10	9
Dover	28	18	22	2	2
Fairfield	44	27	36	7	5
Parsonsfield	27	15	21	5	2
Total	655	383	491	77	62

41. Monthly Meetings are requested to attach to their tabulated reports of statistics the names of deceased Ministers and Elders, with their ages in years, so that Quarterly Meetings may forward the same in this connection to the Yearly Meeting for its record in the same manner.

NOTE. Blanks to be sent down.

42. A request from Boston Monthly Meeting was presented and considered by this Meeting, and we are united in directing the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting to pay to the legal Representatives of Boston Monthly Meeting, the "Boston Meeting House Funds."

43. The following request from Salem Quarterly Meeting, viz.: "That the Yearly Meeting take into consideration the subject of making some provision for separating the duties of Overseers, and providing for some legal enactment, whereby Monthly Meetings can be incorporated, and Trustees appointed to hold property and Trust Funds."

In accordance with the above request we appoint Augustine Jones, Olney T. Meader, William Thompson, John H. Hall, Isaac Steere, Alfred H. Jones, William P. Tuttle, Joseph E. Briggs, and

Silas H. Cartland to unite with a similar committee of women Friends in the consideration of the subject, and they are requested to report to a future sitting of this Meeting.

44. Bertha Ramsey, in the interest of Friends' Polytechnic Institute of Salem, Ore., with a Minute of recommendation from Salem Quarterly Meeting, Oregon, visited this meeting and presented the cause of the Institution, and a collection was taken up for the purpose.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at four o'clock this afternoon.

SECOND-DAY AFTERNOON, THE 12TH INST.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

45. We have at this time the acceptable company of our aged brother, Daniel B. Randall, delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church, and our brother, Edwin P. Wilson, from the General Conferences of the Congregational Churches of Maine.

This fraternal recognition from these Churches, we appreciate as a proof of Christian fellowship, a union of heart and purpose in the spread of the same gospel, and it brings nearer the realization of a common brotherhood in Jesus Christ our Lord.

46. David J. Douglas was appointed delegate to bear our fraternal greetings to the next Methodist Conference, and Alfred H. Jones to the Congregational Conference.

47. The Committee on Bible Schools presented the following report, which is accepted: —

REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS: —

We believe Bible School work in the Yearly Meeting is in general condition somewhat better than was reported one year ago. In many places good, flourishing schools are maintained; many report an increased membership; reports from a few show some decrease. Since several schools have reported at this time which did not last year, it will be necessary, in making figures for comparison, to include only those reporting in both years. On this basis six Quarterly Meetings show a total increase in membership of two hundred and forty-six, the greatest for any one being ninety-nine in Sandwich, which appears to be due chiefly, though not entirely, to an increase in the New Bedford school. Vassalboro shows a decrease of eleven; Fairfield of sixteen; and Parsonsfield of twenty-three,—a total decrease of fifty. This leaves the net increase in the Yearly Meeting of one hundred and ninety-six.

The *average attendance* in most quarters appears, however, to have decreased. Therefore, in what may be termed "quantitive" work, we cannot claim any advancement over the previous year. Of the quality of our work, which is of greater importance, no man can judge. We trust every worker has striven to make that as high as possible.

Regarding the proportion in our school membership of those belonging to our own Society, the lowest percentage appears in Sandwich, it being reported as twenty-one per cent, or having seventy-nine per cent of members who are not Friends. The highest is in Dover which reports seventy-eight per cent of Friends, or only twenty-two per cent of those not Friends. If a low percentage of membership of those who are Friends indicates that we are getting into our schools children from outside, who perhaps do not otherwise attend Sabbath School, we are doing good work and should feel encouraged. This class of membership seems to have materially increased during the past year, throughout the Yearly Meeting.

There is also encouragement in the number reported as evidencing conversion during the year, which is ninety-six as against fifty-seven for last year. This would seem to justify us in concluding that the quality of our work has been good.

It is noticeable that the variety of children's papers used is large. Of the lesson helps, Peloubet's and Friends' are most favored. Further facts of interest can be obtained by examination of the Statistical Report which follows: —

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Quarterly Meeting.	Location of School.	Local Superintendent's Name and Address.	Monthly Meeting.	Membership of Schools.	Average Attendance.	No. of Friends.	No. of Classes.	No. Evidencing Change of Heart During Year.	Is Religious Interest Increasing?	Are Teachers' Meetings Held?	Volumes in Library.	Books Added During Year.	†Lesson Helps Used.	‡Papers Used.	Number of Papers Distributed.	Temperance Lessons.	Peace Lessons.	Observance of Children's Day.	Months of School.
Rhode Island.	Portsmouth........	John B. Grinnell, Portsmouth, R. I..........	Rhode Island...	40	27	35	7	–	No	No	200	0	1	S, X	–	4	0	No	12
	Newport....	R. C. Witherell, 52 Third Street, Newport...	Rhode Island...	45	30	13	5	0	As usual	No	450	0	3	O. M.	1320	4	0	No	12
	East Greenwich..	Lydia E. Drinkwater, East Greenwich.......	E. Greenwich..	18	11	8	2	0	Slightly.	No	120	0	2, 4	F	36	–	–	No	12
	Fall River....	Herbert A. Skinner, Fall River	Swansea	106	58	47	10	–	–	Not regular	308	11	1, 2, 5	S, O, C, P, b	2650	4	–	No	12
	Hopkinton	Wm T. Collins, Wood River Junction, R. I	South Kingston,	16	12	10	1	0	–	No	400	0	1	–	–	Few	Few	No	8
	Lower Smithfield,	Louisa N. Meader, Saylesville, R. I..........	Providence.....	76	60	13	5	–	Yes.	–	117	17	2, 6	O, I, Z	–	–	–	–	12
	Somerset.........	G. M. Chace, Box 355, Fall River	Swansea	62	31	33	7	4	Yes.	No	305	0	2	O, U, I, X, V	1300	4	0	No	12
	Providence.......	Robert P. Gifford, Providence	Providence.....	22	15	22	2	–	Yes.	No	200	0	–	P	–	–	–	No	9
		Totals............	....	385	244	181	39	4	....	....	2100	28	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Salem.	Amesbury........	Daniel C. Maxfield, Amesbury...............	Amesbury......	56	32	40	5	–	Yes	No	250	12	1, 2	A, O, R, U, X	1200	4	0	No	12
	Boston	Thomas Wood, 3 Gleason Street, Dorchester,	Boston..........	50	28	47	4	–	Think so	Weekly	250	5	1	A, B	300	4	0	No	12
	Clinton Grove ...	D. R. Chase, East Deering, N. H.............	Weare	8	6	6	2	–	No	–	150	5	2	None	–	2	0	No	6
	East Lynn........	Charles E. Bishop, 324 Union Street, Lynn...	Salem...........	187	87	31	15	–	Yes	–	256	20	1	A	500	4	–	Yes	12
	Henniker.........	(Not reported)	....	*17	*9	*10	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Lawrence	S. Swett, Ayer's Village, Mass.	Boston.........	80	69	53	7	2	Same	Quarterly	70	–	2	A, C, S	620	3	2	No	12
	Lowell...........	Charles Kelley. Room 2, P. O. Block, Lowell,	Boston.........	7	9	6	1	–	Yes	–	–	–	2	–	–	1	–	No	12
	Lynn	George C. Herbert, Lynn, Mass..............	Salem	138	86	63	13	0	No	Monthly	841	43	1, 2	B, S	1170	3	0	Yes	12
	North Weare.....	Harriet N. Jones, North Weare, N. H........	Weare	30	20	15	4	–	–	No	500	–	1, 2, 4	A, N, Q	–	3	–	No	12
	Salem............	George H. Jones, Highland Avenue, Salem..	Salem..........	25	17	23	2	0	–	No	90	28	1, 2	O, S, U, X	250	4	0	No	12
	South Pittsfield...	A. N. Peaslee, South Pittsfield, N. H.	Amesbury	*38	*25	7	4	–	Yes	–	40	0	1	–	–	4	0	No	12
	West Epping.....	Moses O. Nichols, West Epping, N. H.......	Amesbury	12	10	12	2	–	–	No	75	10	7	None	–	4	–	No	12
		Totals..	....	648	398	313	59	2	....	....	2522	123	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sandwich.	Acushnet.........	Adelaide V. Wilbur, Acushnet, Mass........	New Bedford...	15	10	10	1	–	–	–	200	–	2	G, O, S, U, X	250	4	–	No	12
	Allen's Neck.....	Henry A. Allen, Dartmouth, Mass...........	Dartmouth.....	103	58	23	10	14	–	–	208	–	1	R, W	–	12	2	No	12
	Central Village...	Lydia Gifford, Adamsville, R. I.............	Westport.......	42	30	30	5	8	Yes	No	–	–	1, 2	O	–	–	–	No	12
	Long Plain.......	Richard Davis, Long Plain, Mass.	New Bedford ..	25	13	20	2	0	–	No	400	3	2	E, O, Y	360	12	12	No	12
	E. Mattapoisett...	Joshua L. Macomber, East Mattapoisett	New Bedford ..	28	20	8	3	3	Yes	No	546	0	2	O, S, U, X	300	12	12	No	12
	New Bedford	Nat. W. Gifford, 214 Lr. Water st., N. Bedford,	New Bedford ..	194	104	15	16	–	–	No	385	60	None	O	1200	4	–	No	10
	Smith's Neck.....	E. L. Faunce, South Dartmouth, Mass.	Apponegansett.	53	33	16	6	6	Yes	No	200?	0	6	K	520	4	None	No	12
		Totals..	....	460	268	122	43	31	....	....	1939	63	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Falmouth.	Casco	S. A. Hall, Casco, Me	Windham	18	14	10	2	0	Same	No	70	2	1, 2	Several	–	4	0	No	12
	Deering	Ellen Winslow, Westbrook, Me	Falmouth	40	15	24	4	1	Same	–	100	10	1	E,O,S a	–	4	0	No	12
	East Durham	Mahlon D. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me	Durham	30	24	16	4	1	Yes	No	110	0	1	Q,S,c	100	4	0	No	9
	Lewiston	D. L. McIntire, 207 College Street, Lewiston	Lewiston	65	60	50	10	15	Yes	–	150	25	1	B,R	300	4	–	Yes	12
	Portland	Fred C. Dearborn, 44 Winter Street, Portland	Falmouth	84	48	61	7	0	Yes	No	240	16	2, 3	None	0	4	0	No	12
	South Durham	Henry M. Snow, South Durham	Durham	90	49	45	8	2	Good	Weekly	115	15	1	H,J,O,S,U	1040	4	52	Yes	12
	Windham	(Mrs.) L. Maria Jones, Windham Centre	Windham	50	25	30	4	7	Yes	No	256	11	1	O,U	48	4	0	Yes	12
		Totals		377	235	236	39	26			1041	79	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Smithfield.	Bolton	Alfred Dow, Hudson, Mass	Bolton	70	45	37	7	1	Good	No	283	0	1, 2	E,O,S,a	1300	4	0	Yes	12
	West Mansfield	None appointed	Smithfield	6	4	5	1	0	No	–	100	3	None	O,d	85	0	0	No	12
	Northbridge	Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass	Uxbridge	18	14	4	3	0	No	No	150	0	2	O,S,U,X	400	2	2	No	12
	Worcester	D. M. Babcock, 17 Sudbury Street, Worcester,	Uxbridge	25	13	14	2	0	Good	No	300	0	2, 7	O,S,U,X	288	4	1	No	12
	Woonsocket	James S. Read, Woonsocket, R. I	Smithfield	183	84	34	10	0	Yes	No	490	17	1, 2	E,O,S,a	900	4	1	No	12
		Totals		302	160	94	23	1			1323	20	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Vassalboro.	Brooks	Omar G. Hussey, Waldo Station, Me	Unity	40	25	10	4	2	–	–	50	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	6
	China	George E. Roberts, China, Me	China	36	23	21	4	–	No	No	None	–	1, 2	–	–	4	–	No	12
	East Vassalboro	Abbie P. Jenkins, Lamb's Corner, Me	Vassalboro	40	30	23	4	–	Yes	–	145	–	1, 2	H,L	850	4	4	–	12
	Maple Grove	J. W. Plummer, Fort Fairfield, Me	Maple Grove	25	15	10	3	–	–	–	5	0	1	None	0	4	–	No	12
	South China	Elwood Jones, South China, Me	China	65	45	40	5	3	No	Weekly	150	0	1, 2	Variety	?	4	0	Yes	12
	Unity	George W. Varney, Unity, Me	Unity	25	20	20	3	1	Yes	No	0	0	6	–	–	–	–	–	12
	West China	Albert Pinkham, China, Me	China	20	15	9	2	–	–	No	Large number	0	6	–	–	–	–	No	8
		Totals		251	173	133	25	6			–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dover.	Dover	Alice R. Estes, 36 Silver Street, Dover	Dover	25	14	22	3	–	–	No	143	4	2, 6	X	–	–	–	No	12
	Gonic	C. I. Pinkham, Gonic, N. H	Dover	38	24	22	3	–	No	No	169	53	1	5 kinds	–	4	0	No	12
	Rochester	Anna M. Evans, Rochester, N. H	Dover	22	10	20	2	–	–	–	–	–	2, 6	W	500	1	1	No	12
	North Berwick	William T. Hussey, North Berwick, Me	Berwick	12	10	12	1	–	–	–	–	–	1, 2, 4	–	–	–	–	–	12
		Totals		97	58	76	9	–	–	–	312	57	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Fairfield.	Augusta	Ada Livermore, Augusta	Winthrop	20	11	6	3	1	Yes	–	–	–	1	O,S,U,X	100	2	–	–	3
	Hallowell	A. F. Morse, Hallowell	Winthrop	20	16	10	3	–	Good	–	52	5	2	B	–	4	–	No	12
	Manchester	Alfred W. Hawkes, Manchester	Winthrop	39	27	17	3	–	Yes	–	–	–	1	6 Kinds	916	4	–	–	12
	North Fairfield	George B. Wing, North Fairfield	Sidney	35	21	13	3	–	No	–	70	32	1	B	150	4	–	–	12
	Sidney Centre	Sarah E. Shepherd, Sidney Centre	Sidney	23	19	13	3	4	Yes	–	275	0	1	Assorted	–	4	0	No	12
	St. Albans	Jesse W. Chandler, St. Albans	St. Albans	33	17	33	4	0	No	No	None	0	2	O,X	–	1	0	No	12
	Winthrop Centre	C. I. Bailey, Winthrop Centre	Winthrop	158	84	55	11	20	Yes	Weekly	413	100	1, 4	None	–	4	0	No	12
	West Gardiner	Mark Osborne, Manchester	Winthrop	20	16	9	2	0	Same	No	–	0	1	Cook's	936	4	0	No	12
		Totals		348	211	156	32	25			810	137	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	East Parsonsfield	Silas H. Cartland, E. Parsonsfield, Me	Parsonsfield	25	25	25	3	–	Good	No	220	0	1, 2	D,R,U, X	780	4	2	No	12
	North Sandwich	Joseph H. Cartland, North Sandwich, N. H	No. Sandwich	44	33	25	3	1	No	No	103	0	1	H, e	?	0	–	No	12
		Totals		69	58	50	6	1			323	0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

*Taken from report of last year.

†Figures in this column have reference to list of Lesson Helps, on page 40.

‡Letters in this column refer to list of papers used, on page 40.

SUMMARY.

Quarterly Meetings.	No. of Schools Reported.	Total Membership.	Average Attendance.		Friends.		No. Evidencing Change of Heart.	Teachers' Meetings.		Is Religious Interest Increasing?		Observance of Children's Day.	
			Number.	Percent of Membership.	Number.	Percent of Membership.		Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.
Rhode Island.........	*8	385	244	63%	181	47%	4	0	8	4	4	0	8
Salem................	11	648	398	61%	313	48%	2	3	8	5	6	2	9
Sandwich............	7	460	268	51%	122	21%	31	0	7	3	4	0	7
Falmouth............	7	377	235	62%	236	63%	26	1	6	4	3	3	4
Smithfield...........	5	302	160	53%	94	31%	1	0	5	1	4	1	4
Vassalboro..........	†7	251	173	68%	133	53%	6	1	6	2	5	1	6
Dover................	4	97	58	60%	76	78%	–	0	4	0	4	0	4
Fairfield.............	8	348	211	61%	156	45%	25	1	7	4	4	0	8
Parsonsfield..........	2	69	58	84%	50	72%	1	0	2	0	2	0	2
Totals............	59	2937	1805	61½%	1361	46%	96	6	53	23	36	7	52

* Providence Boarding-School not included.

† Oak Grove School not included.

LESSON HELPS USED.

1 Peloubet. 2 Friends. 3 Pilgrim (Congregational). 4 S. S. Times.
5 S. S. Journal (Vincent). 6 Cook. 7 Berean.

PAPERS USED.

A Angel of Peace.
B Child's Hour.
C Child's Paper.
D Day Spring.
E Everybody's Magazine.
F Friend's Quarterly.
G Friends' Review.
H Happy Hours.
I Little Christian.
J Little Folk's Paper.
K Little Gem.
L Little Weekly.
M Mayflower.
N Northern Messenger.
O Olive Leaf.
P Scholars' Magazine.
Q Sunday Afternoon.
R Temperance Banner.
S Temperance Stories.
U Try, Try Again.
V Young Crusader.
W Young People's Weekly.
X Youth's Friend.
Y Youth's Paper.
Z Weekly Welcome.
a Well Spring.
b Words of Life.
c Good Words.
d Temperance Reading.
e Weekly Magnet.

On the 22d, 23d, and 24th of Second Month, we held at Lynn our Yearly Meeting Bible School Conference. Notwithstanding unfavorable weather, the attendance was good, nearly all parts of the Yearly Meeting being represented. On the opening day occurred, perhaps, the severest snowstorm of the winter. This prevented some from attending who had planned to do so, and obliged many from a distance to delay coming until Second Day. In consequence, our programme for the first session was somewhat interfered with, which was a disappointment, since we had arranged to discuss therein topics relating especially to the organization of our work. That for the remaining sessions, however, was, in the main, carried out as planned. During the Conference we were privileged to listen to many very able papers and addresses from workers in our own Society, and all who attended remember with pleasure the addresses from Dr. Peloubet and Miss Harlow. A report of the Conference would not be complete without mention also of the song service of Brother Lamb whose sweet singing was in the spirit, and a genuine pleasure and inspiration. We think the Conference was regarded a success in having been of practical benefit to our Bible School workers who attended. It has been understood that some who did not attend would have done so had they "known it was going to be so interesting." We encourage all such to attend the next one.

In the early part of the year the question was considered what should be regarded as the duties of the Quarterly Meeting Superintendent. The following suggestions received the approval of the Committee: —

DUTIES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING SUPERINTENDENT.

1. To visit schools in his district one or more times during the year.
2. To have each school keep a satisfactory record of membership, attendance, etc.
3. To secure, prior to the holding of Quarterly Meeting, and to transmit to the meeting, reports from all schools in his district.
4. To be well informed in best methods of Bible School work, and to give such assistance to local superintendents and schools as may seem desired.
5. To see that at least one Quarterly Meeting Conference is held in his Quarterly Meeting during the year (two should be held if possible); to make necessary arrangements as to time and place for holding Conference, programme, etc.; to act subject to approval of the Conference, as its presiding officer.
6. To obtain assistance in any or all work from the two members of the Yearly Meeting's General Committee for his Quarterly Meeting, and from any persons appointed for the purpose by the Monthly Meetings or Conference.
7. In general, to act in conjunction with the Yearly Meeting Superintendent in organizing and promoting the success of Bible School work in the Yearly Meeting.

The plan of organization entered into one year ago seems very satisfactory as a whole.

There has been expended during the year, in organizing the Conference and for printing, postage, etc., the sum of $78.95, and there is now in the treasury, as shown by the Treasurer's report, a balance of $146.18. We would not have this balance, however, had we been given time to spend it. During the year, and until within two or three weeks, our available working fund has been from $50 down to nothing, followed by a period of working on credit until the issuance of our recent circular letter, since which contributions have been received in a manner which has been highly appreciated. This balance, and as much more as will be contributed during the coming year, can be judiciously expended in the good of the cause and in helping some of our smaller schools.

In closing we would acknowledge the goodness and guidance of our Heavenly Father in our work, and our appreciation of the kind and hearty encouragement of our friends who have generously aided in every direction in which they have been called upon to assist. May we enter upon our work of another year with added zeal, which with God's blessing must result in greater success, realizing that we cannot over-estimate the value of conscientious, hard work in the teaching and salvation of the young people and children with whom we labor.

For the Committee,

GEORGE L. CROSMAN,

Yearly Meeting Supt.

This report of the earnest and faithful labors of the Committee has been very interesting. The visible results have been been gratifying, but there must always be in this work much that lies hidden from view in the present, but which like precious seed may be germinating in the heart, and will in due season appear.

We desire the encouragement of the Committee in this important service. Two hundred dollars requested through the envelopes.

THIRD-DAY MORNING THE 13TH.

Friends met in separate sessions pursuant to adjournment.

48. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of society as presented in the answers to the Queries. The answers are as follows: —

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

ANS. 1. All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except forty-seven, and some exceptions not enumerated. A large number of these omissions were on account of bad travelling and inclement weather. First-day Meetings are well attended. Midweek meetings are generally small. The hour is nearly observed.

ANS. 2. With little exception love and unity are maintained. Several Quarterly Meetings report some deficiency in the matter of detraction. Care is taken to end differences with some exceptions noted in three Quarterly Meetings.

ANS. 3. Friends are mostly careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train their families as required by this query. More care is desirable in some instances.

ANS. 4. Most Friends are in the practice of the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, individually and collectively, and encourage their children and others therein. Our testimony to a free Gospel ministry is maintained with a little exception.

ANS. 5. Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage with twenty-six exceptions, and a few exceptions noted from one Monthly Meeting. With little exception, careful to avoid objectionable amusements and diversions.

ANS. 6. Care is taken in the observance of this query.

ANS. 7. Not wholly clear in military matters and oaths. No case of defrauding the public revenue.

ANS. 8. A few of our Quarterly Meetings report some deficiency in keeping promises and paying debts. Otherwise careful.

ANS. 9. All records are carefully kept with one exception. Some removals without certificates in nearly all the Quarterly Meetings.

ANS. 10. With some exceptions in two Quarterly Meetings, the discipline has been administered in Christian tenderness and impartially. Not always as timely as would be desirable.

49. It is the judgment of this Meeting that our subordinate Meetings be directed, through their Overseers or a Committee for that purpose, to obtain definitely the number of those Friends who do not read the Holy Scriptures daily in their families, and report the same in the answers to the Fourth Query.

The Clerk is directed to forward the conclusions on this subject to the clerks of the several Quarterly Meetings.

50. The Minute on the State of Society is as follows: —

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

In considering the State of Society, we were reminded that an obedience to our Saviour's law of love is a remedy for all defects and a solution of all difficulties regarding discipline.

Loving God supremely we shall be prompted to attend our religious meetings with desires to truly worship and commune with Him. Loving our neighbors as ourselves we shall want to be alive and helpful in sympathy, and to use our Gospel privileges for the service of uplifting and blessing. The principle *within* will work *out* for mutual good. Thus actuated, we shall not allow business matters too easily to keep us even from the midweek meetings, which often become seasons of special nearness to the Lord, and of closest fellowship one with another in the truth. The fulness of this love gives liberty in prayer and ability to choose right words for encouragement and instruction.

A high standard of morality will be the proper outcome of these principles of truth incorporated in our being. We shall be active and willing to take up cheerfully the common duties of daily life. Consistency and purity in work and action will characterize him who truly waits upon the Lord. A loving Father's design is that our whole body and soul and spirit be preserved *blameless*. *That* design should be before our eyes in connection with the habits we acquire, the associations we form, the goods we handle in trade, and the products for which we toil. Our leisure moments and the recreations which seem necessary may all be used so as to give increasing peace and spiritual strength.

The way we spend the Sabbath morning hours has an important bearing upon our whole lives. With our thought set at that time in the right channel, and stayed upon Divine truth, we shall be in condition to educate others by our word or example into a right appreciation of our spiritual worship.

Desire was expressed that the spirit of brotherly unity, which has been manifest in all the deliberations in this annual gathering, may be carried down to our homes and neighborhoods, and that we may be watchful against anything that may hurt one another's usefulness.

To keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace is a continual duty of love which we owe to our Lord.

If the enemy is successful in getting between a man and his brother, he is not far from getting between the man and God.

The voice of the Good Shepherd may be surely heard by those who will humbly listen, and that Shepherd will lead straight forward and upward in the heavenly race, in a path of blessing, not to ourselves alone but to others.

51. The report of the Trustees of the Mosher Fund is as follows: —

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting.

Income received during the year		$500 00
Paid to J. Elwood Paige, Treasurer of the Committee, to distribute the income of the Fund . .	$500 00	

The Fund is invested as follows: —

One City of Boston Registered 5% Bond	$10,000 00
New Bedford Institution for Savings	950 87
Lynn Institution for Savings	2,272 51
	$13,223 38

Two years' accumulated interest on the above-named savings bank deposits has not yet been collected.

OWEN DAME.
OLNEY T. MEADER.

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 12th, 1893.

52. This Meeting is united in referring the requests from Falmouth and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings, in reference to the holding of our Yearly Meeting, to the Representatives in attendance of this Meeting.

53. The report of the Auditing Committee is as follows: —

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting.

RECEIPTS.		
Balance from last year	$2,545 83	
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	440 00	
Salem “ “	360 00	
Sandwich “ “	400 00	
Falmouth “ “	170 00	
Smithfield “ “	120 00	
Vassalboro “ “	110 00	
Dover “ “	120 00	
Fairfield “ “	240 00	
Parsonsfield “ “	40 00	
Sales of “Book of Discipline”	23 00	
Dividends and interest	84 24	
		$4,653 07
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid expenses of Yearly Meeting at Newport	$459 85	
“ “ Committee on Location of Meeting House	97 45	
Expenses of Friend from the British Provinces,	75 00	
“ “ Safe Deposit Box	5 00	
Interest	31 81	
Printing	396 77	
Recording	65 00	
On principal (Oak Grove Note)	500 00	
Interest on “ “ “	125 00	
(Bal. due on note, Eighth Month, 14, 1892, $2,000.00.)		
Executive Committee on Western Indians	525 00	
Repairs on Yearly Meeting House at Newport	143 77	
Expenses of two delegates to Wilmington Yearly Meeting	119 91	
Expenses of five delegates to Indianapolis Conference.	333 45	
Indianapolis Conference Assessment	82 10	
Incidentals	24 57	
Expressage, postage and stationery	22 55	
Committee on Freedmen	500 00	
Balance now in Treasurer’s hands	1,145 84	
		$4,653 07

INCOME OF THE BOSTON MEETING HOUSE FUND.

Balance last year	$2,144 77	
Received for coupons	450 00	
" " interest on Savings Bank deposit	91 56	
		$2,686 33
PAYMENTS.		
Rent of Wesleyan Hall	$350 00	
Balance on hand	2,336 33	
		$2,686 33

We find the accounts correctly kept and properly vouched for.

We recommend that the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500.00) be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate Samuel R. Buffinton for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, James H. Chace, Treasurer of the Providence School Funds, and Joseph E. Briggs for Treasurer of the Oak Grove Seminary Funds.

By direction of the Committee,

(Signed) OWEN DAME.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 12th, 1893.

The report was accepted by the Meeting, and we conclude to raise the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and Samuel R. Buffinton has been appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, James H. Chace, Treasurer of the Providence School Funds, and Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer of the Oak Grove Funds. Our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of the above-named sum, on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at four o'clock.

THIRD-DAY AFTERNOON.

54. The following request has been received from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, viz.: —

"This meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting, that the Quarterly Meeting which is now held at Portland, Me., in the First Month be held at Lewiston, on Seventh day following the last Sixth day in the First Month, at 10 A. M., and also the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight be held at Lewiston the day previous at 2 P. M. This Meeting, after duly considering the changes asked for, are united in granting the requests."

55. The Committee to whom was referred the request from Salem Quarterly Meeting presented the following report which is

satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish Salem Quarterly Meeting with a copy of said report.

The report is as follows: —

That there is sufficient law and discipline already provided.

Also that Monthly Meetings have the power to appoint both Overseers and Trustees, and direct the custody of their funds to either.

That all disbursements are to be under the direction of the Monthly Meeting.

We recommend that Overseers recognize that they are servants of the Monthly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

AUGUSTINE JONES.
WILLIAM THOMPSON.

PORTLAND, ME., Sixth Month 12th, 1893.

56. MINUTE FROM THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

We have at this time entered into a consideration of the Pastoral Question; it has called forth a full expression of thought, with a wide variety of opinions, but marked with an earnest desire for the essential and permanent welfare and progress of our religious society, under the leading of the Great Shepherd. It has clearly been brought before us that there is a need of greater pastoral care and work. recognizing that it is the office of the church, as Christ's husbandry, to be instrumental in the salvation of souls and in bringing them to a " knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

It is the feeling of this Meeting that there is a need of greater personal responsibility on the part of our members, and especially our ministers, elders, and overseers, for the full performance of the great work for which they have been called of God and set apart by the Church.

It is further the sense of the meeting that the cause and work are safe, if those on whom the care should rest shall prove entirely faithful to the great charge, and they are enjoined to a complete submission to the Great Head of the Church for loving and faithful service in caring for the flock.

RUFUS M. JONES, *Clerk.*

57. The Committee entrusted with the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Freedmen of the South presented the following very interesting and satisfactory report which is accepted by the Meeting, and is as follows, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Our School at Maryville, Tenn., the past year has been favored to hold on in its work by means of the Yearly Meeting's appropriation, and the substantial sympathy of contributors who made the envelope offerings a little larger. These were supplemented by a timely gift of one hundred dollars to the primary department by a member of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. We are yet unable to get along without the continued help of the Yearly Meeting, and that of loving friends who have so kindly considered our situation the past year.

We desire an appropriation of Five Hundred Dollars ($500), by the Yearly Meeting with the understanding that it will not be called for unless needed. The sale of ten acres of land, on the side of our tract farthest from the road in front, secures to our Principal and her family the prospect of a home near the Institution, where for so many years her deep interest and Christian zeal for the good work of spiritual and intellectual training has been exercised.

Her Annual Report is presented herewith. On behalf of the Committee,

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Secretary.*

The same Committee of last year is re-appointed to that service the ensuing year. Five hundred dollars requested through the envelopes.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREEDMEN'S NORMAL INSTITUTE, MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR 1892–3.

Number of days taught	188
Number enrolled	219
Per cent of attendance	84.7
Number of boarders in the building	77
Number of teachers in the training class	98
Number graduated in the elementary course	3

The interest manifested in the different departments of the school, by the students throughout the year, has been most encouraging. The exercises of the B. F. Knowles Literary Society show a marked improvement and appreciation of literary attainment.

Our Sabbath school and meetings for worship have been well attended, the average attendance being about one hundred and thirty.

We have endeavored to conduct the meetings according to the custom of the Society of Friends, causing each member to feel a personal responsibility thereby developing much spiritual interest.

The great need among this people is to help them to help themselves, and in this we have been greatly encouraged by the spiritual and material support of the Yearly Meeting.

L. H. GARNER, *Principal.*

Sixth Month 3d, 1893.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Augustine Jones, Trustee of the George Sturge Fund	$1,450 00
" H. C. Camp Fund	130 00
" B. F. Knowles Fund	9 00
From theYearly Meeting appropriation	500 00
From collection in Women's Yearly Meeting, 1892 Fund	41 00
From a member of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting	100 00
From sales of Real Estate	562 00
Contributions from the Monthly Meetings	203 74
Other donations	1 98
	$2,997 67

EXPENDITURES.

Paid L. H. Garner, principal, on the wages account of last year	$342 00
Paid for repairs on buildings and fence	262 00
Paid for school expenses the past year	943 67
Paid for aid to students from the George Sturge Fund, Fall Term	361 85
Paid for aid to students from the George Sturge Fund, Spring Term	1,088 15
	$2,997 67

For the Committee,

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Treasurer.*

58. The delegates to the Indianapolis Conference present the following report: —

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE INDIANAPOLIS CONFERENCE.

To New England Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends, — Of the delegates appointed to attend the General Conference at Indianapolis, Augustine Jones and Ruth S. Murray were unable to attend, and their places were supplied by Olney T. Meader and Deborah P. Atherton, who had been appointed as alternates.

The delegation thus completed attended every session of the Conference, observing and considering its proceedings, and participating in such ways as truth seemed to require.

From the beginning to the close of the Conference, the owning presence of the great Head of the Church was sweetly realized.

One hundred and five delegates were in attendance, representing ten American Yearly Meetings.

The Conference of 1887 having given its attention chiefly to the consideration of Christian doctrine, it was agreed that the present Conference should take up questions in relation to church work.

The following subjects were successively presented by the business committee, and freely discussed: —

The participation of Friends in the Congress of Religions to be held in Chicago.

Our Literature, including our Periodicals.

The Conduct of Meetings for Worship and the Maintenance of the Ministry (this subject embracing the Pastoral Question).

The Collecting and Preservation of Historical Records.

Uniformity of Discipline for the Yearly Meetings of America.

Changing the name of the Society of Friends.

One Board of Foreign Missions for all the Yearly Meetings.

The Duty of our Church to our Cities.

During the animated and often very earnest discussion of these interesting subjects, brotherly kindness and courtesy prevailed, little or nothing occurring at any time which could be said to be at variance with the spirit of true Christian fellowship.

We are united in the belief that the Conference could not fail to promote in a high degree the unity of the Society of Friends, to deepen the sense of its responsibility and its privileges, and to increase its efficiency in the various forms of service.

We submit herewith, as part of our report, the summary of conclusions printed by authority of the Conference.

(*Printed conclusions were then read.*)

Three of the above-mentioned subjects were to be separately presented to the different Yearly Meetings by the delegates, viz.: —

Our Literature, or a Friends' Publishing House, and one Periodical as the organ of the Society.

One Foreign Mission Board for all the Yearly Meetings; and the Collecting and Preservation of Historical Records.

(Signed) WILLIAM P. PINKHAM.
I. WARREN HAWKES.
OLNEY T. MEADER.
DEBORAH P. ATHERTON.

The report is satisfactory, and the subjects above referred to, viz.: Our Literature, and One Board of Foreign Missions are referred for consideration to the Representative Meeting; and the subject of the collecting and preserving Historical Records is also referred to the Representative Meeting with power to act on our behalf.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATES TO WILMINGTON YEARLY MEETING, OHIO.

A large number of the members of the three Quarterly Meetings composing Wilmington Yearly Meeting met in a tent provided for the purpose on the grounds of Wilmington College, at ten o'clock on the morning of Eighth Month 20th, 1892. And after a season of devotion, the Yearly Meeting was opened by the appointment of clerks and the reading of the Minutes of Indiana Yearly Meeting establishing it.

Delegates were present representing every one of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

The sessions of the new Yearly Meeting were generally held with befitting dignity and solemnity; and altogether the opening seemed to be auspicious and under the Divine favor and blessing.

DAVID J. DOUGLAS.
PHEBE S. AYDELOTT.

59. The Committee to whom was referred the request from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of last year, found in Minute 35 of the Minutes of 1892, made the following report which is satisfactory to the Meeting, viz. : —

The Committee to whom was referred the request from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting respecting the definite recognition and acknowledgment of a greater variety of spiritual gifts than heretofore, are united in judgment that the time has not come for the recommendation of any change in relation to this subject.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM P. PINKHAM.

60. A report from the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been received and read.

We are glad to read this report from our young people, and rejoice in their thus identifying themselves with their older friends in the work of the Church endeavoring to promote the coming of Christ's kingdom in the hearts of the people.

The Y. P. S. C. E. would submit to the Yearly Meeting the following report : —

In making this our second annual report we would present it with a deep feeling of gratitude that the prayers in our behalf have truly been answered.

During the year our organizer, Frank E. Jones, has been laboring in the vineyard of the Lord and seven new societies have been organized as follows, viz. : —

Hallowell, St. Albans, Sidney, Pittsfield, North Weare, Central Village, and Saylesville, making a total membership of five hundred and seventy-seven active members and one hundred and forty-seven associate members. Of those who were not already Friends forty-nine have requested during the year for membership.

Our largest society is at Friends' Boarding School at Providence. consisting of sixty-one Active members and thirty-three Associate members of whom thirty-three are Friends.

A special branch of our work is the Junior Society. We have a society at Lynn with a membership of thirty-six, and one at Somerset with a membership of twenty. There is probably no one form of effort that will accomplish more good than this organization among the children.

While a responsibility rests upon each Active member for the growth of the spiritual life of our society, the members of the Prayer-meeting and Lookout Committees should be sustained by our prayers and words of sympathy, for upon them rests especially the preparation for our prayer-meetings and the seeking of those who are not accustomed to attend places of worship.

If we seek the salvation of these souls, keeping our motto, "For Christ and the Church," ever in view we shall be blessed and our labors rewarded.

May the Lord bless our efforts in this work during the coming year.

GEORGE L. CROSMAN, *President.*
JENNIE L. LOTHROP, *Secretary.*

61. The Committee for a New Method of Raising Funds have presented their report which has been considered and the following recommendations approved, viz. : —

The Committee appointed to consider the duties of the Finance Committee, in relation to our present system of raising funds, recommend that the "Plan for Christian Giving" as shown on page 53 of the Minutes of 1892 be adopted with the following amendments, viz. : —

The opening paragraph of the section headed "Duties of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance" shall read as follows: "The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance, composed of one man and one woman from each Quarterly Meeting, shall organize by the appointment of one of its members as Financial Secretary. It shall issue as early as the first of Seventh Month of each year a general Circular Letter," etc., and the closing paragraph of same section shall read, "It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to keep in correspondence with the Clerks and Treasurers of the Monthly Meetings, and also with the Treasurers of the several standing committees who are receiving offerings through the envelopes, and forward to every Monthly Meeting on the first of the Tenth, First, and Fourth Months following the issue of the general Circular Letter, a statement of the financial condition of each object for which funds are desired with any need that may exist." (In this way Monthly Meetings will receive such information as they need and will be quickened to greater faithfulness in raising money, and promptness in forwarding it to the respective Treasurers.)

We also propose that the Financial Secretary be allowed to draw upon the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for expenses incurred, for stationery, postage, type-writing, etc., in a sum not exceeding $25.00.

The Clerk was directed to furnish "Slips" containing the plan as revised, for the use of our subordinate meetings.

A PLAN FOR CHRISTIAN GIVING.

62. The necessity of system in Christian giving is very generally recognized, and together with the principle of proportionate giving, have their warrant in the words of Scripture: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." (1 Cor. xvi. 2.) "The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." (Lev. xxvii. 32.) "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." (Luke xii. 48.)

We believe there are many among us who may be sharers of blessings not yet known, when quickened by the Gospel teaching, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. ix. 7.)

The Mosaic standard relating to tithes and offerings for the Lord's work was not lost sight of by the early Christian Church, but rather did the ancient system of giving receive a new impulse when brought under the power of that sacrifice which was "the offering of Himself once for all."

1. *Duties of Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance.*

The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance, composed of one man and one woman from each Quarterly Meeting, shall organize by the appointment of one of its members as Financial Secretary. It shall issue, as early as the first of Seventh Month of each year, a general circular letter to our members containing a statement of the several amounts which are necessary to be raised for Yearly Meeting expenses (including obligations which may have been assumed), and for the charitable and benevolent objects under its care, these latter amounts having been specified in the annual reports to the Yearly Meeting by the respective committees, and are to be provided for by the free-will offerings of our members.

The Circular Letter shall also embody such other items of interest and advice relating to finances as may have claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting, and shall give such directions about the use of the envelopes as may seem to be required. It shall contain suitable blanks in which to enter, if desired, an estimate of Monthly and Preparative Meeting expenses with the individual apportionments. The following form is recommended: —

The amount which....................Monthly Meeting has directed to be raised to meet expenses the ensuing year, including its quota of yearly and quarterly stock, is $..........................

Quota of the above amount for........Preparative Meeting, $
Current expenses for..... ....Preparative Meeting, $
Total . . . . $
Thy proportion of the above amount is about...............per month.

Treasurer.

It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to keep in correspondence with the clerks and treasurers of the Monthly Meetings, and also with the treasurers of the several standing committees who are receiving offerings through the envelopes, and forward to every Monthly Meeting on the first of the Tenth, First, and Fourth Months following the issue of the general Circular Letter, a statement of the financial condition of each object for which funds are desired with any need that may exist. In this way Monthly Meetings will receive such information as they need, and will be quickened to greater faithfulness in raising money, and promptness in forwarding it to the respective treasurers.

2. *Duties of Monthly Meetings and their Finance Committee.*

In each Monthly Meeting a Committee on Finance, representing each Preparative Meeting within its limits, shall be annually appointed after the official communication is received from the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance.

This committee shall assist the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting in the apportionment and collection of all funds required for meeting expenses, and in receiving and forwarding all free-will offerings that may be contributed toward the objects named in the Circular Letter.

When a Monthly Meeting consists of more than one Preparative Meeting, the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting shall designate one member of the Finance Committee for each Preparative Meeting, to have charge of its receipts and disbursements, who shall report the same annually to the Preparative Meeting if desired, and also to the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting.

The treasurer shall make an index in his book of entry of those who may be donors, giving each a number, and when members of one family prefer to be indexed under one number, the treasurer may adapt his record to such choice.

He shall, with the aid of the Finance Committee, number twelve envelopes for monthly offerings from each, writing the index number at the upper left-hand corner; and with the envelopes, each donor shall be given a copy of the Circular Letter after filling in the proper blanks.

As the envelopes return from the donors, the treasurer shall enter the items in the cash book, stating the number of envelope and name of month when payment is made, with the respective amounts in the proper columns, and shall forward the totals to the respective treasurers of commit tees, having in charge the work for which the money is specifically given. These remittances shall be made quarterly or as often as shall best suit the needs of the working committees.

3. *Duties of Individual Members.*

Each member who is able to do so is desired to enclose in the envelope, monthly contributions toward the item "Meeting Expenses" as apportioned by the finance committee, but if preferred the amount may be paid proportionately semi-annually or annually. He is also earnestly entreated to contribute free-will offerings for any or all the other objects named in the Circular Letter, as may be consistent with his duty to God as a steward of property entrusted to him, being careful always to give an honest reply to the query, "How much owest thou unto my Lord?"

If the donor has no choice how his offerings shall be appropriated, the amount may be placed against the item, "General Fund," and the Finance Committee of the Monthly Meeting will distribute it among the objects named as in its judgment seems best.

63. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE MONTHLY MEETINGS TOWARDS BENEVOLENT OBJECTS OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

MONTHLY MEETINGS.	Gospel Work.	Foreign Missions.	Western Indians.	Freedmen.	Bible Schools.	Temperance.	Education.	Peace.	Total.
RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING.									
Rhode Island	$11 15	$9 00	–	$3 25	$13 00	$15 00	–	–	$51 40
Greenwich	–	15 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	15 00
Swansea	155 75	151 60	$36 30	27 15	23 85	14 05	$3 55	$3 55	415 80
Providence	2 00	48 00	51 50	41 50	3 50	8 50	–	5 00	160 00
South Kingston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING.									
Salem	$55 98	$66 66	$32 45	$8 59	$25 70	$5 05	$1 67	$1 68	$197 78
Amesbury	12 75	2 50	19 00	14 50	4 25	7 50	–	10 50	71 00
Weare	5 25	25 00	–	4 00	3 00	3 25	–	5 00	45 50
Boston	25 00	–	–	–	–	–	5 00	–	30 00
SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING.									
Sandwich, Mass.	$7 25	$26 00	$26 00	$15 00	–	–	–	–	$74 25
Dartmouth	4 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 00
Westport	10 00	7 00	20 00	5 00	$5 00	$5 00	–	–	52 00
New Bedford	–	16 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	16 00
FALMOUTH QUARTERLY MEETING.									
Falmouth	$44 50	$44 00	$29 95	$5 00	$9 50	$5 00	$3 50	$3 00	$144 45
Durham	12 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12 00
Windham	8 64	–	–	–	5 38	–	–	–	14 02
Lewiston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.									
Smithfield	$14 00	$16 00	$15 00	$8 50	$15 00	$6 25	–	$3 00	$77 75
Uxbridge	18 00	125 00	91 00	38 00	10 00	13 00	–	5 00	300 00
Bolton	5 00	10 00	–	–	5 54	1 50	–	–	22 04
VASSALBORO QUARTERLY MEETING.									
Vassalboro	$29 32	$12 50	–	–	$12 05	–	–	–	$53 87
China	22 00	7 21	$2 10	$1 00	–	–	–	–	32 31
Unity	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Maple Grove	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
DOVER QUARTERLY MEETING.									
Dover	$12 00	$13 00	$14 00	$2 25	$5 00	–	–	$3 00	$49 25
Berwick	5 00	15 00	1 00	–	3 00	–	–	15 00	39 00
FAIRFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.									
Sidney	–	$5 00	–	–	$1 50	–	–	–	$6 50
Winthrop	$7 50	–	$12 45	$30 00	–	$30 79	$2 50	$15 50	98 74
St. Albans	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
PARSONSFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.									
Sandwich, N. H.	–	$15 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	$15 00
Parsonsfield	$7 25	13 00	–	–	$5 00	–	–	–	25 25
Total	$474 34	$642 47	$350 75	$203 74	$150 27	$114 89	$16 22	$70 23	$2,022 91
Reported last year,									1,771 90
Increase									$251 01

64. This Meeting is united in appointing one woman Friend from each Quarterly Meeting to serve on the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting, and the women representatives are requested to present to a future session the name of suitable Friends for this service.

65. The Records of the Representative Meeting were now read and approved.

66. This Meeting accepts the Charter as amended in the Legislature of Maine in the session of 1892.

67. The request of Sarah A. Holmes, that this Yearly Meeting reconsider its decision in her case of appeal from a decision of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in 1885, is not granted. And the Clerk is directed to inform her of our action.

68. The Committee on Temperance presented their report, which was as follows: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Although some have not been able to do as much as they wished because of sickness, absence from home, and various circumstances, yet some good service has been done, we trust. We could have done more had our financial resources been greater.

At a special meeting of the Committee at Lynn, the "Temperance Theses" were adopted, and three hundred and fifty copies have been printed and distributed.

Many have labored for individuals, and some of the labor we know has been with good results, the credit of which is given to the Lord. Nearly all of our Sabbath schools take up the "Temperance Lesson" each quarter, and we firmly believe that the most fruitful field of service is among the youth. The triple pledge cards, also W. C. T. U. pledge cards, have been distributed with good results.

Most of the women on the Committee are members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and have found there a wider field of service. Several members have given temperance instruction in public schools.

We have not ceased to wield one of the most potent influences in any reform, — literature. Three Quarterly Meetings have not made any demands for literature. All orders have been filled promptly. The following have been given out: —

	Pages.
Tracts, leaflets, hand bills	15,600
Books	400
Papers, Youth's Temperance Stories, "Our Young Folks," and "Youth's Temperance Banner"	6,480
Picture cards	150
Triple pledge cards	130
W. C. T. U. Pledge cards	50

Total 330 cards, 22,480 pages of literature. Two thousand copies of two leaflets on "Social Purity," prepared by Elizabeth T. Larkin, are on hand for distribution.

One from Rhode Island Quarter reports that temperance work has been taken up with gospel service, which was much blessed. At Central Village a class of children meet twice each month for temperance instruction; also they have visited the homes of those who sell liquor to dissuade them from their dreadful practice. Another at New Bedford has inaugurated a Boys' Reading Room at which she speaks to the boys on the tobacco habit, temperance, and kindred subjects. At Mattapoisett, a monthly temperance meeting has been held. Temperance concerts have been held at Bolton and Lewiston. One reports a Y. P. S. C. E. taking up temperance subjects. Another of our number has addressed a county convention of another denomination at their request, with good success. One has had special service of fighting the liquor power at the ballot box, and arranged for the *only no license meeting* of that place. One from Manchester, N. H., has given out 4800 pages of illustrated papers at the State Reform School, besides giving regularly to two public reading-rooms, County Jail, City Farm, House of Correction, County Farm, State Reformatory Home for Women, and helped to supply railroad passenger stations. From Superintendent of Lectures' report, we find fifty lectures and addresses have been given, several temperance sermons preached, and a few public meetings held, of which eleven have been in connection with Quarterly Meetings. One of these lectures, by Margarett B. Ellis, of New Jersey, was given at Oak Grove Seminary. We gratefully note the services of Mary E. Gleason of Boston, and would quote the following from the commendable report given in the Woonsocket *Daily*: "It was a large meeting that gathered to hear Mary E. Gleason answer the question, 'Who is responsible?' and for an hour an audience of three hundred were held almost spellbound." Arrangements have been made for William G. Hubbard, of Ohio, to address our public meeting at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY H. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

This report shows that an earnest effort is being made to oppose the great evil of intemperance, and our members are enjoined to act as a unit against the enemy. We desire that all may feel their individual responsibility at home, in daily life, and at the ballot box, always aiming at National Prohibition.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE *in account with* ALFRED W. HAWKES, *Treas.*

RECEIPTS.

From Treasurer of last year	$35 51
The Monthly Meetings	129 67
Total	$165 18

EXPENDITURES.

For Lectures, Literature, Printing, etc.	$165 18

69. The concern of this Meeting in relation to an appeal to the Congress of the United States through our New England Senators and Representatives for the repeal of the "Chinese Exclusion Act," so called, is referred for consideration to our next Representative Meeting.

Adjourned to meet in separate session.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING, THE 14TH INST.

Friends met in separate sessions pursuant to adjournment.

70. The Representatives now in attendance of this Meeting submitted the names of Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting, filled the vacancies occurring in the Finance Committee, and added to the Committee the name of one woman from each Quarterly Meeting, all of which was approved. The names will appear later.

They further report that "in considering the request from Falmouth and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings in reference to holding the Yearly Meeting alternately in Newport and Portland," they recommend that the Yearly Meeting be held in Newport, R. I., next year, without reference to the future, which was approved.

71. The Meeting authorizes the Representative Meeting to meet for organization during the sessions of this Yearly Meeting, women's Meeting uniting.

72. The Representative Meeting is requested to consider the subject of obtaining Legislative consent to hold our Yearly Meeting in Massachusetts if at any time in the future we may wish to do so.

73. Report of Committee in case of a Friend from the British Provinces.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee in the case of the Friend from the British Provinces, now deceased, report that the seventy-five dollars appropriated by the Yearly Meeting last year was used in the payment of outstanding bills and the erection of a suitable stone at the head of his grave.

On behalf of the Committee,

ALFRED H. JONES.

Portland, Sixth Month 13th, 1893.

74. The Committee on Correspondence have presented a General Epistle to the American Yearly Meetings, which has been read and approved, and the Clerk was directed to sign and forward a copy to each of the Yearly Meetings on this continent with which we correspond.

They also produced Epistles to London, Dublin, and to the new Yearly Meeting to be opened in Oregon, which were read and approved. The Clerk was directed to sign and forward.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Fourth-day Afternoon.

The Meeting met, pursuant to adjournment, in joint session.

75. The Committee to propose delegates to attend the World's Peace Congress at Chicago, report the following which are satisfactory. They are to have the privilege of naming substitutes if any of them find they cannot attend to the duty assigned them. The names are as follows: —

Timothy B. Hussey, John H. Crosman, James H. Chace, Lucretia G. Chace, Susan T. Thompson, Jehu Newlin, and Sarah W. Newlin.

76. A joint General Epistle to the Yearly Meetings of New York, Ohio, and Wilmington Yearly Meetings, and a joint Epistle to the Monthly Meeting of Ramallah, Palestine, were then read and approved, and the Clerks were directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting and forward them to the Meetings addressed.

77. The Committee on Correspondence of Men Friends, produced an Epistle to our Friends in Oregon, which has been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward the same to the Meeting addressed.

78. The Committee for that purpose propose the following returning Minute for our Friend, Isaac Sharp.

To Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends, Durham Quarterly Meeting, and London Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight:

Dear Friends, — Our beloved friend, Isaac Sharp, attended this Meeting with satisfactory credentials from your Meetings. His company and loving gospel messages have been comforting and encouraging. His firm yet childlike faith, and the evidences of Divine care over him, have been confirming and inspiring to us.

79. The Clerks were also authorized to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend, Fernando G. Cartland, viz.: —

Fernando G. Cartland attended this Meeting, His company and religious services have been acceptable to us. And similar ones for Perrin Reynolds, William G. Hubbard, Elwood C. Siler, Jesse W. Wilmore, and George N. Hartley.

80. The Clerks were also authorized to sign the following Minute for Sophronia E. Reynolds, viz.: —

Sophronia E. Reynolds accompanying her husband, Perrin Reynolds, acceptably attended this Meeting. And a similar one for L. Ella Hartley.

81. The following Committee has been appointed to make all necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also to propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, which are now or may be then under appointment, viz.: —

Charles M. Jones, David J. Douglas, Samuel R. Buffinton, Thomas Wood, Oscar J. Morse, Robert P. Gifford, William T. Hussey, Myra E. Frye, Sarah J. Swift, Hannah J. Bailey, Susan Peckham, and Charles Estes.

82. Our Women Friends inform us that they have concurred in all the foregoing actions of the Men's Meeting.

83. Report of Committee on Finance.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Finance recommends that the following appropriations be made from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting: —

For Associated Executive Committee on Western Indians . .	$525 00
For Principal and Interest on Oak Grove notes	600 00
For Freedmen (Maryville Institute)	500 00
	$1,625 00

For the Committee,

SUSAN T. THOMPSON, *Secretary.*

Portland, Sixth Month 14th, 1893.

84. This Meeting directed the Clerks to cause an edition of two thousand copies of the Minutes of the Meeting to be printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings in their usual proportions; and we appoint Almira B. Buffum and Rufus M. Jones to assist them in the accomplishment of the work.

85. We extend our hearty thanks to the Pastor and Society of the Second Parish for their kindness in allowing us the use of their house of worship which has materially added to the comfort and convenience of our Meeting at this time.

The Clerk is directed to sign and furnish them a copy of this Minute.

86. We would thankfully acknowledge the realized presence and goodness of our Heavenly Father, during the various sessions of this Yearly Meeting, enabling us to transact the business that has come before us in Christian love and harmony.

With prayerful desire for the spiritual welfare of one another, we now conclude, purposing to meet in joint session in Newport, R. I., at the appointed time next year if the Lord permit.

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY,
ANNA G. WOOD,
Clerks.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

Samuel R. Buffinton.
Phebe S. Aydelott.
William O. Newhall.
Alice W. Maxfield.
Susan F. Hoxie.
Edward T. Tucker.
J. Hacker Hall.
Charles M. Jones.
Richard Battey.
Salome C. Wheeler.
William H. Cates.
Sarah E. Varney.
Timothy B. Hussey.
Anna M. Hussey.
Augustine Jones.
Harriet D. Collins.
Charles H. Thorndike.
Lydia C. Neal.
William Thompson.
Anna G. Wood.
Myra E. Frye.
Lucy R. Goddard.
Mary A. Battey.
Isaac Steere.
Etta S. Cates.
Emily S. Weeks.
William P. Tuttle.
Emeline H. Tuttle.

I. Warren Hawkes.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Silas H. Cartland.
Charles A. Chace.
Louisa N. Meader.
D. Wheeler Swift.
Joseph E. Briggs.
Ruth S. Murray.
Olney T. Meader.
Robert P. Gifford.
Jesse McPherson.
Mary C. Hawkes.
Lydia A. Cartland.
Sarah J. Swift.
Owen Dame.
Ezra Hawkes.
Daniel C. Maxfield.
Benjamin Greene.
John J. Frye.
Eliza P. Pierce.
Reuben T. Jones.

PROVIDENCE BOARDING-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Clerk, William O. Newhall.

Timothy B. Hussey.
Samuel R. Buffinton.
James H. Chace.
Peter M. Neal.
Samuel Buffum.
Robert P. Gifford.
I. Warren Hawkes.
William O. Newhall.
Daniel C. Maxfield.
Charles A. Chace.
Olney T. Meader.
Charles Sisson.
William H. Varney.
Edward T. Tucker.
Joshua L. Macomber.
John J. Frye.
Rachel S. Howland.
Ellen K. Buffum.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Anna G. Wood.
Deborah W. Crosman.
Sarah F. Tobey.
Ellen A. Winslow.
Caroline C. Earle.
Deborah P. Atherton.
Lydia C. Neal.
Ruth S. Murray.
Alice W. Maxfield.
Anna M. Hussey.
Elizabeth H. Newhall.
Sarah Marble.
Susan Peckham.
Bessie T. Wing.
S. Caroline Tobey.

Real Estate Committee.

James H. Chace.
Samuel R. Buffinton.
Olney T. Meader.
Robert P. Gifford.
Charles Sisson.

COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

Chairman, Charles M. Bailey.
Secretary, I. Warren Hawkes.
Treasurer, Joseph E. Briggs.

Charles M. Bailey.
C. Irving Bailey.
Charles M. Jones.
Joseph E. Briggs.
William P. Pinkham.
Herbert O. Jepson.
William H. Douglas.
Henry Winslow.

John J. Frye.
George L. Crosman.
Timothy B. Hussey.
Frank E. Jones.
Alfred H. Jones.
Isaac O. Winslow.
I. Warren Hawkes.
Elwood A. Bailey.
Jesse McPherson.
George H. Cates.
Rufus M. Jones.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Melvin M. Bailey.
Myra E. Frye.
Ruthanna H. Washburne.
S. Jane Cox.
Emma S. Briggs.
Mary E. Taber.
Sarah Marble.
Eliza P. Pierce.
Lettie M. Bailey.
Elenora S. Woodman.
Mary G. Winslow.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

George A. Barton.
Caroline Jones, Deering, Me.
Anna F. Hall.
Rufus M. Jones.
Ruthanna H. Washburne.
Myra E. Frye.
John Ellwood Paige.
Phebe W. Sawtelle.
Ruth S. Murray.
Gertrude W. Cartland.
Sarah Marble.
Wilmot R. Jones.

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

Chairman, Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.
Treasurer, Thomas Wood, 215 State Street, Boston, Mass
Secretary, Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.

Hannah J. Bailey.
Silas H. Cartland.
Sylvester S. Aldrich.
Nathaniel W. Gifford.
Ellen Bangs.
Mary C. Baylies.
Samuel R. Buffinton.
James M. Estes.
George H. Farr.
Martha E. Hoag.
Elizabeth K. Jones.
S. Jane Cox.
Sarah A. Hill.
Caroline Alice Jones.
Gertrude W. Cartland.

Sub-Committee on Lectures.

Hannah J. Bailey.

Sub-Committee on Literature.

Elizabeth K. Jones.
Mary C. Baylies.
Martha E. Hoag.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Joseph H. Atwater.
M. Augusta Battey.
William Wood.
Lucy A. Snow.
Mary H. Robinson.
Henry H. Goddard.

Mary Almy Chase.
Joshua L. Macomber.
Susan F. Hoxie.
Mary C. Baylies.
Elisha T. Read.
Jennie Allyn.
Josiah B. Holder.
Elizabeth K. Jones.
Stephen C. Meader.
Emeline H. Tuttle.
Alfred W. Hawkes.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Leslie O. Meader.
Julia A. Kimball.

ORGANIZATION OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

Chairman, Joseph H. Atwater, 56 Olney Street, Providence, R. I.
Secretary, Mary H. Robinson, South Durham, Me.
Treasurer, Elisha T. Read, Woonsocket, R. I.
Supt. of Literature, Mary Almy Chase, Box 124, Manchester, N. H.
Supt. of Lectures, Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.

Executive Committee.

Joseph H. Atwater.
Mary H. Robinson.
Elisha T. Read.
Susan F. Hoxie.
Mary Almy Chase.
Emeline H. Tuttle.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Chairman, Timothy B. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
Rec. Secretary, Susan T. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.
Cor. Secretary, Charles M. Jones, South Portland, Me.
Treasurer, William T. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.

Timothy B. Hussey.
Anna M. Hussey.
Anna G. Wood.
Charles M. Jones.
S. Caroline Tobey.
Mary Almy Chase.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Eli Jepson.
Harriette D. Collins.
William Thompson.
Susan T. Thompson.
Elizabeth K. Jones.
Addie F. Chace.
Silas H. Cartland.
Linwood W. Jones.
Alice C. Earle.
Clara A. Mumford.
Augustine Jones.
Ruth S. Murray.
Huldah H. Leighton.
Robert P. Gifford.
William T. Hussey.
Olney T. Meader.
Mary W. Jones.
Martha E. Hoag.
John Henry Crosman.
Rufus M. Jones.
Ellen K. Buffum.
Sarah Marble.
Julia A. Remick.
Emma S. Briggs.
Gulielma C. Wood.
Isaac Steere.
Nellie M. Hussey.
Emma A. Douglas.
Mary C. Hawkes.

COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

ORGANIZATION.

Chairman, James M. Estes, Vassalboro, Me.
Secretary, Harriette D. Collins, Wood River Junction, R. I.
Treasurer, Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me.
General Superintendent, David J. Douglas, Hallowell, Me.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents.

Rhode Island.	Henry C. Aydelott, 70 Rock Street, Fall River, Mass.
Salem.	Charles H. Atkins, Ocean Street, Lynn, Mass.
Sandwich.	William P. Macomber, Fairhaven, Mass
Falmouth.	Henry F. Newell, Brunswick, Me.
Smithfield.	Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.
Vassalboro.	F. E. Jones, China, Me.
Dover.	E. H. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Fairfield.	Lizzie A. Church, Hallowell, Me.
Parsonsfield.	Phebe L. Pope, East Parsonsfield, Me.

General Committee.

David J. Douglas.
Frank E. Jones.
Harriette D. Collins.
James M. Estes.
Elizabeth T. Larkin.
Emeline H. Tuttle.
Charles H. Atkins.
Joseph E. Briggs.
Elizabeth S. H. Wood.
John B. Cartland.
Wm. P. Macomber.
Phebe L. Pope.
S. Jane Cox.
Ruth S. Murray,
Henry F. Newell.
Isaiah Douglas.
Lucy A. Snow.
G. Mahlon Chace.
Salome C. Wheeler.
Phebe S. Aydelott.
Oscar J. Morse.
Jennie E. Reynolds.
Henry C. Aydelott.
Phebe W. Sawtelle.
Isaac Winslow.
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Wm. P. Pinkham.
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Smithfield, Isaac Steere, Sarah J. Swift.
Vassalboro, William A. Jones, Emily S. Weeks.
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MINUTES

OF

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1893.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Portland, Me., commencing Sixth Month 9th, 1893.

By accounts received from our several Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that the following-named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.: —

FROM RHODE ISLAND — Phebe R. Gifford, Phebe S. Aydelott, Sarah J. Hanson, Fanny Estes, Hannah P. Ladd, Cynthia J. Earle, Harriette D. Collins, Louisa N. Meader, Eunice A. Green, and Esther Chace.

FROM SALEM — Gertrude W. Cartland, Lydia C. Neal, Alice W. Maxfield, Susan H. Meader, Sarah D. Brown, Anna W. Page, Sarah A. Hill, Mary Almy Chase, and Hannah E. Chase.

FROM SANDWICH. — Rachel S. Howland, Anna G. Wood, Phebe B. Slocum, Ruth L. Smith, Jane G. Fisher, Mary E. Gifford, Rebecca D. Ewer, Susan S. Tripp, Susan F. Hoxie, Susan T. Thompson, Susan B. Kirby, and Susan M. Seabury.

FROM FALMOUTH — Sarah W. Newlin, Myra E. Frye, Elizabeth A. Douglas, Lucy A. Snow, Miriam C. Webber, Ellen P. Pope, Phebe R. Cartland, Mary C. Holder, Eliza E. Farr, Mary A. Maxfield, Abbie J. Cook, and Lydia M. Pope.

FROM SMITHFIELD — Salome C. Wheeler, Mary A. Battey, Abbie W. Randall, Sarah J. Wheeler, Abigail Wheeler, and Sarah J. Swift.

FROM VASSALBORO — Mary R. Jones, Sarah E. Varney, Flavilla S. Roberts, Mary T. Gould, Peace Jones, Hannah T. Jenkins, and Eliza P. Pierce.

FROM DOVER — Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Emeline H. Tuttle, Anna M. Hussey, Almira B. Buffum, Huldah S. Buffum, and L. Helen Dennis.

FROM FAIRFIELD — Phebe M. Wadsworth, Lizzie A. Church, Mary G. Winslow, Hannah J. Bailey, Lizzie M. Hawkes, Ida M. Knight, and Mary C. Hawkes.

FROM PARSONSFIELD—Eunice D. Cartland, Julia A. Remick, and Melissa S. Dearborn.

The names of the Representatives being called they were present except fifteen, for the absence of seven of whom sufficient reasons were given.

The accounts forwarded to us from our several Quarterly Meetings have been read, and their contents noted. The various changes which have occurred within their limits, during the past year, will be presented in a Summary at a future sitting.

Epistles from our dear sisters of Dublin, Baltimore, North Carolina, Indiana, and Western Yearly Meetings have been read to our comfort and edification, and we have experienced a fresh revival of the sweet feeling of love and fellowship with our distant sisters, who are of like precious faith with us.

A Nominating Committee of one from each Quarterly Meeting was appointed to present the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Correspondence, viz.: Sarah J. Hanson, Sarah A. Hill, Susan F. Hoxie, Mary B. Johnston, Sarah J. Wheeler, Etta S. Cates, Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Phebe M. Wadsworth, and Julia A. Remick.

A certificate from Darlington Monthly Meeting, England, indorsed by Durham Quarterly Meeting, also two from the London Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, issued at different times, all on behalf of our dear, aged friend, Isaac Sharp, who is now in attendance of this Meeting, have been read, and called forth much expression of sympathy and interest. The striking example he has presented us of the truth and faithfulness of God in the fulfilment of His promises, and His power to help and sustain in every service He requires of His children, have been sweet and helpful, and we have cordially welcomed his presence amongst us.

We have also at this time the acceptable company of our dear friends, Fernando G. Cartland, from New York Yearly Meeting, Elwood C. Siler, from Western Yearly Meeting, Jesse

W. Wilmore, from Kansas Yearly Meeting, and George N. Hartley, from Oregon, who have presented certificates from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

Our dear friend, L. Ella Hartley, an elder, companion to her husband, George N. Hartley, is also acceptably in attendance of this Meeting.

A certificate from Salem Quarterly Meeting, Oregon, on behalf of Bertha E. Ramsey, who is engaged in soliciting aid for the benefit of one of their educational institutions, was read in this Meeting and accepted.

We have appointed our friends, Gertrude W. Cartland. Cynthia J. Earle, Lydia C. Neal, Almira B. Buffum, and Susan Peckham, to unite with a similar Committee from the men's Meeting, to prepare, as way may open for it, Minutes for the Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings, who have presented their credentials at this time.

As we met at this our opening session, the voice of thanksgiving and praise was heard in our midst, and earnest exhortation was given that we should seek for such a right preparation of heart to enter upon the business of the Meeting, that all might be done to the glory of God.

We adjourned to meet in separate sessions at a quarter to four o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Met in separate session according to adjournment.

The Representatives to whom the subject of the nomination of clerks was referred report that they were united in proposing the names of Anna G. Wood, for clerk, and Deborah P. Atherton and Alice W. Maxfield, for assistant clerks, whose names being separately considered, were united with, and they were appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

Anna F. Hall and Anna W. Page, were appointed to have the supervision of what may be prepared for the press.

Having attended to these matters, men Friends came in, and we entered upon business in joint session.

During the joint session on Seventh-day morning, the Nominating Committee, appointed for that purpose, brought forward the following names to serve as a Committee on Correspondence, which were approved : —

NAMES OF CORRESPONDING COMMITTEE.

Anna M. Hussey.
Louisa N. Meader.
Susan T. Thompson.
Mary R. Jones.
Bessie T. Wing.
Mary W. Jones.
Deborah W. Crosman.
Elizabeth C. Ewer.
Adaline L. F. Daniels.
Sarah D. Brown.
Jennie Allyne.
Phebe M. Wadsworth.
Lizzie A. Church.
Melissa Dearborn.
Anna J. Goddard.
L. Maria Jones.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, THE 12TH.

Met in separate session according to adjournment.

Certificates from Yorktown Monthly Meeting, indorsed by Purchase Quarterly Meeting, New York, on behalf of our dear friends, Perrin Reynolds, a minister, and his wife, Sophronia E. Reynolds, an elder, have been read, and were acceptable to us. We extend to them and others who are in attendance of this Meeting without certificates, a cordial welcome.

Epistles from our dear sisters of Iowa, Canada, and Kansas Yearly Meetings have been acceptably read.

The Committee who have charge of the disbursement of the income of the Mosher Fund, and the Trustees of the same, have presented their Annual Report which has met the approval of this Meeting. We unite with Men Friends in the reappointment of the same Committee who served last year.

The names of Elizabeth T. Larkin, Deborah P. Atherton, Esther Jones, and Susan Peckham have been proposed as additions to the Committee on Correspondence, which being approved, they are added to the list presented at a former sitting.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the George Sturge, Henry Camp, and Benjamin F. Knowles Funds has been read and accepted in concurrence with Men Friends.

The Statistical Accounts presented from our several Quarterly Meetings have been read.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at four o'clock.

SECOND-DAY AFTERNOON.

Met in joint session according to adjournment.

In accordance with the request of Salem Quarterly Meeting, we appoint Elizabeth A. Gifford, Anna M. Gove, Elizabeth A. Taylor, Lucy R. Goddard, Deborah P. Atherton, Eliza P. Pierce, Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Clara W. Mumford. and Eunice D. Cartland, to unite with a similar Committee of Men Friends, to take into consideration the subject of making some provision for separating the duties of overseers and providing for some legal enactment whereby Monthly Meetings can be incorporated and Trustees appointed to hold property and Trust Funds.

THIRD-DAY MORNING THE 13TH.

Met in separate session according to adjournment.

A summary of the answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings was read, and a consideration of the State of Society as thus presented was entered upon.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

ANSWER 1. Our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except fifty-two, omitted in most cases on account of the unusual severity of the past winter. First-day meetings are duly attended by nearly all of our members, at the hour appointed. Midweek meetings are much neglected.

ANS. 2. With some exceptions love and unity are maintained. Detraction not sufficiently guarded against. Not quite clear as to differences.

ANS. 3. Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train their children and others under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

ANS. 4. We believe the Holy Scriptures are read individually and collectively in nearly all our families, and that our children and others are encouraged in the daily practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel ministry not wholly maintained.

ANS. 5. Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and most Friends avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character.

Moderation is generally observed.

ANS. 6. The circumstances of the poor and of such as appear likely to need assistance, are duly inspected, and their necessities relieved. When necessary they are assisted in finding employment and in educating their children.

ANS. 7. Most Friends maintain our testimony against bearing arms, and other military matters, against oaths, and defrauding the public revenue.

ANS. 8. Friends frequently inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, are punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

ANS. 9. Records are attended to. A few removals without certificates of which some care is taken.

ANS. 10. The discipline is administered in Christian tenderness and impartially, though not always as timely as would be best.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

Where love and unity are deficient, the cause is largely detraction, therefore when any one begins to tell us something against another, let us not listen, but quietly change the conversation. We can practise self-denial in talking as well as in other respects.

What is said is often so changed in passing through several mouths, that it can scarcely be recognized; therefore, we should be very careful not to repeat what we have heard about any one, unless we know it to be true. It is better to say nothing, if we can say nothing good. "Keep the door of my lips," is a prayer we ought to offer every day.

Only God knows the heart, so we ought not to judge the motives of others, but leave them to the Lord Jesus. We should judge of acts according to their merits, but judge each other with the charity that "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things." May God give us this divine charity. Unless we are in harmony, our work is hindered, but if we have cause of complaint against any one, it is the proper course to go directly to that person. It is a cross to do this, but very easy to talk to some one else about the matter. The person who has erred frequently needs a word of encouragement. Words of sympathy should be more freely spoken. Let us not put off the expression of our love for those about us till they are gone from us. We must not allow ourselves to cherish prejudices, but treat all kindly, remembering that we are all members of the one church.

We must also guard against being too sensitive. It is difficult to preserve a spirit of love in ourselves if we are always fancying that some one is intending to hurt our feelings. Our ministers have often to suffer from hearing the many remarks made about them, so let us be careful not to criticise them. Young ministers are sometimes kept back, and do not come forward as they ought, on account of undue fault-finding. We ought to discourage criticism of ministers in the family circle.

We see the pattern before us, "Love is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil," and we desire to live in accordance with it, but before we are aware, we go astray. Only as the loving spirit of the Lord Jesus dwells in us, can we be entirely kept. "If ye know these things happy are ye, if ye do them."

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society presented their Ninth Annual Report, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:

Statistics of the W. F. M. S.

	Number of Auxiliaries.		Number of Members.	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Rhode Island,	7	6	140	116
Salem,	5	5	125	116
Sandwich,	4	4	69	77
Falmouth,	4	4	72	84
Smithfield,	2	2	69	43
Vassalboro,	3	3	52	61
Dover,	1	1	10	9
Fairfield,	5	4	67	78
Parsonsfield,	2	2	40	43
Total,	33	31	644	627

Auxiliaries lost, 2; members lost, 17; life members, 17.

We see by these statistics that while four of our Quarterly Meetings have lost in membership during the year, five have gained. We reiterate the conviction expressed in our last report, that constant stirring up is needed in this line of work, and hope that it may be so arranged this year that each of our auxiliaries may be visited and new ones formed.

There has been no change in our work at Ramallah. We continue to support two teachers, and twenty girls in the Home, receiving valuable aid in this from other Yearly Meeting Boards, and also from individuals outside of our denomination. While no striking instances of conversion are reported in the Training Home, we feel sure that good, strong foundation work is being done, which will tell in future years. In this wonderful day, when the eyes of the Christian world are turned to this land, the land of our Blessed Saviour's nativity, the scene of His labors and His sacrifice for us, and Christian hearts are being stirred at the rapid fulfilment of prophecy in regard to God's chosen people, it is good to have a share in the work of giving the Gospel to the benighted people of that land. The teachers in our mission there are full of zeal and interest in the work, as occasional letters testify, and we know that their "labors are not in vain in the Lord." Two very interesting societies have been formed among the girls, — the "Peacemakers," and the "Dawn of Day." The character of the former can be inferred from its title, and the latter is for spiritual culture. They are officered by the children, with Etta H. Johnston, as superintendent. Already good results of this work are seen in the daily lives of the children, who are also making marked progress in their studies, and at the same time learning many things in regard to the right ordering of a Christian home. E. H. Johnston, is now able to use the language in her intercourse with the natives.

Through the transfer of Lina B. Lunt, from the Iowa to the Kickapoo Station, at her own earnest request, as well as that of Elizabeth Test, and others, and also the removal of John F. and Mary A. Mardock to the same mission, the money raised for a new house at the Iowa's, which had not been used, owing to difficulty in obtaining a title to the land, is still on interest. A circular letter was, a few months ago, sent to the donors as far as they could be ascertained, except a few who gave quite small sums, asking if they would be willing their gift should be used for the comfort and help of those for whom it was originally intended, by devoting it to permanent improvements at Kickapoo Station. Several responded, kindly acquiescing in such use of it, while no one made any objections. The money, therefore, will probably be put to that use. The land on which this mission is located, is "set aside to the Society of Friends, for church and mission purposes," which Dr. C. W. Kirk writes, "is really a better title than an allotment could be."

Elizabeth Test speaks of large and solemn meetings with the Kickapoos, sometimes upwards of forty being present, and asks our prayers that the power of the Holy Spirit may come upon them. Lina B. Lunt speaks of the rapid progress made by the children in their studies, and also unites with E. Test's request that we will pray for the Indians, that they may know convicting and converting grace, and also that we will pray for the workers. She says: "It is a wonderful strength to have our hands upheld by prayer, and the most important thing of all, is the salvation of this people." The cost of boarding these Indian children is about $1.50 per week, and for this funds are greatly needed. Through the kindness of the Philadelphia Indian Aid Society, help has been extended to the close of the present month.

With regard to our department work, thirteen auxiliaries report work done in the distribution of general literature; twelve attend to the department of systematic, proportionate giving, and fifteen give some attention to junior and juvenile work. The latter in some instances seems merging into the Christian Endeavor work, and a little confusion seems to prevail with regard to it, which, we trust, will right itself in time, if due consideration is manifested.

These three departments are very essential to the successful carrying on of the work, and the fact that our valuable *Missionary Advocate* is not on a paying basis shows that the Department of General Literature needs to be worked more vigorously. A recent call was issued to the Christian

Endeavor Societies throughout our Yearly Meeting, asking their help in the matter of extending our list of subscribers. We make no discrimination in regard to one department being more important than another. A revival of interest is needed in each, for obvious reasons.

It is with deep regret we record the fact that only four of our thirty-one auxiliaries observe the First day in the month as a season of special prayer for missions. Is it that we are losing our faith in God, or that we fail to see the need for prayer? Much is said of the reflex influence of prayer. May it not be that the falling off in our number of auxiliaries and our membership is because we have not given ourselves unto prayer? There may be much machinery, but unless it is oiled by prayer "without ceasing," there will be friction at home and lack of results abroad. The oft-repeated requests that come to us from our missionaries, that we should pray that the power of the Holy Ghost may fall on them, seems to indicate a lack of power at that end of the line corresponding to the lack of prayer at this. It is "Ask and ye shall receive," not "Wait, and keep silent and ye shall receive." The latter is not God's way.

The number of public meetings during the year cannot be correctly reported. But from what we have been able to gather, Swansea has held two. Newport at last accounts had held three, and was purposing to hold them monthly. Lynn has had two lectures, one of them an illustrated one by Rev. A. A. Williams, who while in Palestine visited Ramallah Mission, also a free-will-offering tea, mite-box opening, and a talk by a returned missionary at the close of one of the Quarter's lessons in the Bible School, with several social missionary evenings. Fall River has had several such pleasant occasions, also Portland, South China, East Vassalboro, and doubtless many other such meetings have been held. We wish all such meetings could be promptly reported. Amesbury held at least one public meeting, uniting with the Christian Endeavor and Wide-Awake Mission Bands. There is a great increase of interest in attending missionary meetings of other denominations, and also in securing earnest missionary speakers from other denominations to speak to us, which shows a healthful broadening of views and a deepening sympathy in the work of world-wide evangelization. If only all our auxiliaries knew the good resulting from one public meeting, they would surely try it.

The work of our auxiliaries has been mostly limited to Ramallah and the Indian Territory, fields which seem to need all we can do for them. Boston still supports a little girl in India. Weare, N. H., has extended some help to Jeremiah Hubbard, a little outside help has been given by one auxiliary in Rhode Island Quarter, and some Home Mission work has been done.

We know of no cases where what seem to be wrong methods of raising money have been adopted, but while the minds of our members are fertile in expedients for bringing money into the treasury in ways that are innocent and attractive, we are pleased to note the growing interest in systematic Proportionate Giving. Surely a denomination that brought this method of giving before the Christian churches, and gave from out its heart a woman to take the superintendency of this department in so notable a body as the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, should grow daily in "this grace," as Paul denominates it, and keep the banner well to the front. For the growth which we already see, we do praise the Lord.

Barrels and boxes of clothing, books, sewing materials, etc., have been sent to our mission stations. Last Christmas five well-filled barrels were sent to Elizabeth Test, every article in which, she said, was greatly needed.

As we see the needs of the work, and realize that, of the 1,737 women over eighteen years of age in our Yearly Meeting, only 629 are members of the W. F. M. S., we wonder what can be done to induce the 1,108 non-members to unite with us in this blessed service of love for the Master and for perishing souls. If each of the 629 members would win one, somewhere, during the coming year to join our ranks, how our power and efficiency for service might be increased.

ELIZABETH T. LARKIN,
Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LITERATURE.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:

The statistics of this Department, as reported to the Missionary Union in Fifth Month last, covering the year from First Month 1st, 1892, to First Month 1st, 1893, are as follows, viz.: —

No. of Auxiliaries having Libraries	10
" Without Libraries	23
" Volumes in Libraries	76
" Members of the Missionary Union	627
" Subscribers to the "Missionary Advocate"	207

From this report we see that our list of subscribers to the "Advocate" is smaller than that of last year, and comprises less than a third of our membership. Should there not be as much effort made to enlarge the circulation of this valuable (it might almost be called indispensable) paper, as to enlarge our membership?

The work not only of our auxiliaries, but also the interest and efficiency of our individual members depends very much on the regular and careful reading of this organ of our Missionary Society.

During the past year, there have been sent to the Local Superintendents of Literature, throughout the Yearly Meeting, 309 leaflets or over 3,000 pages of reading matter. These have embraced a variety of subjects, including the work and the needs of the workers in different mission fields, and also such as were calculated to enforce upon every one the duty and privilege of having a share in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN PECKHAM,
General Superintendent of Literature.

Portland, Sixth Month 12th, 1893.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:

In making a report from this department, your Superintendent has been greatly hindered by the difficulty of collecting statistics.

No report has been received from Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting this year, and none was received last year, though some figures were taken then from the report of the Corresponding Secretary. In another Quarterly Meeting, containing five auxiliaries, only two reported to the Quarterly Meeting Vice-President. In another Quarterly Meeting three auxiliaries each reported *several* in the practice of Systematic Giving. Not knowing how many to reckon for *several*, it was necessary to take only the accounts of those auxiliaries which gave a definite number.

Some auxiliaries reported the number *not known*, as the person collecting the statistics did not like to ask individuals as to their practice in this respect. The number actually reported is only fifty-three, less than half the number in last year's report, the number reported by Parsonsfield to the Corresponding Secretary having been included at that time. It does not seem, from the other facts given in the reports, that the interest has decreased, but simply that the numbers have not been ascertained, and handed in. It is suggested that the persons charged with collecting these statistics should take the opportunity at some meeting of the auxiliary to ask all in the practice of Proportionate Giving to hand them their names on a slip of paper, as it is necessary to send the exact number as nearly as possible to the W. F. M. S. This plan would obviate the necessity of personal questions, and would relieve those reporting from the embarrassment of a public announcement. It is hoped that some such plan will be adopted next year and that the statisties will be prompt and full. There seems to be little change in the modes of raising money. One auxiliary reports that several pledged themselves to *earn* each a dollar during the year.

Several public meetings have also been held in the interest of Mission work, and we trust that the next year will show an advance both in the activity of our auxiliaries, and in the fulness of our reports.

Respectfully submitted,

DEBORAH P. ATHERTON,
Superintendent of Systematic Giving.

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 12th, 1893.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING *in account with* HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Treasurer.*

1892–3.	DR.		
4th Mo.	To balance from last year belonging to the Indian Mission Building Fund		$42 73
	Amount refunded to Building Fund which had been borrowed last year	$94 87	
	Note for amount invested last year and drawing interest for Building Fund	250 00	
	Amount received for Building Fund during the year	138 58	
	Bible School collections	192 34	
	Indiana W. F. M. S., Anna Roberts, Treasurer	115 00	
	East Farnham W. F. M. S., Canada	48 75	
	Trustees of the Permanent Fund	26 00	
	Eliza C. Armstrong	10 00	
	Collection at Public Meeting at Newport	70 50	
	A Friend	5 00	
	Cash	1 00	
	Cora I. Steere	5 00	
	Mite-box collection	1 00	
	A Friend, for E. Test	2 00	
	Edward L. Farr, for Ramallah Building Fund	100 00	
	Iowa W. F. M. S., Mary T. Thomas, Treasurer	325 00	
	Children's Band, Passadena, Cal.	5 00	
	" New Providence, Ia.	5 00	
	" Springdale, Ia.	5 00	
	Mary C. Hawkes	5 00	
	Emeline C. Myers	5 00	
	Loans from banks and individuals	670 00	
	Mary T. Thomas, Treasurer Iowa W. F. M. S.	10 00	
	Gideon Gifford	5 00	
	Lynn Auxiliary, for a special object	2 70	
	Lynn Young Woman's Auxiliary	5 00	
	Kansas W. F. M. S., per M. A. Brown, Cor. Sec.	25 00	2,127 74
	Amount carried forward		$2,170 47

	Amount brought forward		$2,170 47
4th Mo.	Sarah J. Swift	$15 00	
	Etta Hawkes	5 00	
	Lizzie Purdy	1 50	
	Christian Endeavor Mission Band of Friends School, Providence, R. I.	65 00	
	Phebe S. Aydelott and others collected for Kickapoo Mission house	47 50	
	To amount received from auxiliaries and juvenile Bands in		
	Rhode Island Quarter	561 16	
	Salem Quarter	329 04	
	Sandwich Quarter	150 98	
	Falmouth Quarter	305 59	
	Smithfield Quarter	248 10	
	Vassalboro Quarter	103 10	
	Dover Quarter	27 70	
	Fairfield Quarter	357 00	
	Parsonsfield Quarter	53 50	2,270 17
	One Life membership		20 00
	Total		$4,460 64

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4th Mo.	Paid salaries of Missionaries to the Indians,	$600 00	
	Paid for benefit of Indian missions for necessaries other than salaries	224 04	
	Paid Eli and Sybil Jones Mission for support of scholars and teachers	1,720 00	
	Paid Superintendent of literature department	5 00	
	Paid Treasurer of Ramallah Building Fund,	100 00	
	Paid tuition of day scholars at Ramallah,	45 00	
	Paid Treasurer Iowa W. F. M. S., for Jamaica Mission	2 36	
	Paid legal advice and corporation expenses	32 00	
	Paid loans this and last year	764 87	
	Paid discount on note	5 25	
	Paid printing, postage, etc.	12 63	
	Paid papers sent to Ramallah	4 00	
	Paid Friends Orphanage in India	50 00	
	Paid Ellen C. Wright, Treasurer W. F. M. Union	19 32	3,584 47
	Amount carried forward		$3,584 47

	Amount brought forward		$3,584 47
4th Mo.	Paid expenses of public meeting at Newport	12 00	
	Paid Mary G. Winslow, Trustee . . .	20 00	
	Paid investments for Indian Mission Building Fund	500 00	
	Balance due Mission Building Fund .	26 18	
			558 18
	Amount on hand 4th Month 1st, 1893 . . .		317 99
			$4,460 64

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct.

M. AUGUSTA BATTEY, *Auditor.*

NOTE. — We have received $202.55 from the children's bands. Winthrop, Woonsocket, and Durham take the lead. The Winthrop Band supports one scholar in the Training Home at Ramallah. The Christian Endeavor Mission Band, at Friends School in Providence, supports one child at the Mission. It is very encouraging that our children and also the young people in our schools are becoming thus early interested in this work. Local treasurers' reports have been received from Durham, Lewiston, Portsmouth, Providence, Boston, Amesbury, Lynn, Newport, Fall River, Swansea, Salem, and North Weare. The most of these accounts have been carefully and skilfully kept, and are encouraging. It appears by them that more than $200 worth of needed articles have been sent to Indian Territory by these auxiliaries. Most of the funds sent to our Treasury have been obtained by hard and persistent effort. Only about $100 came by free will offerings.

Portland Auxiliary has even outdone its former good record. One of its members who is a " shut-in," not able to get to any of its meetings, has, by her mental planning and the labor of her hands, brought $37 into the treasury, and still there is more to follow by her effort.

The following are Life Members : —

Elizabeth T. Larkin.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Caroline Alice Jones.
Mary R. Osborne.
Hannah B. Farr.
Huldah H. Leighton.
Henrietta H. Johnston.
Anna G. Wood.
Ruth S. Murray.
Emeline H. Tuttle.
Ellen K. Buffum.
Lydia E. Sawyer.
Mary H. Robinson.
Phebe S. Aydelott.
Mary E. Gifford.
Sarah J. Swift.
Mary S. Macomber.

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH J. BAILEY,
Treasurer.

PORTLAND, ME., SIXTH MONTH 12TH, 1893.

As the labors of the Committee, in the various departments of their extended work, have passed in review before us in the reading of their Report, we have been deeply interested, and trust that the Lord will continue to bless and enlarge their service for Him.

The following-named Friends have been appointed as officers of the Society for the ensuing year: —

President — Phebe S. Aydelott, 70 Rock Street, Fall River, Mass.
Vice-Presidents at large — Myra E. Frye, Woodford's, Me.; Susan T. Thompson, Grove Street, New Bedford, Mass.
Corresponding Secretary — Elizabeth T. Larkin, 72 Central Street, Peabody, Mass.
Recording Secretary — Alice W. Maxfield, Amesbury, Mass.
Treasurer — Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND.

For one year — S. Caroline Tobey, 67 Angell Street, Providence, R. I.
For two years — Anna M. Gove, Seabrook, N. H.
For three years — Mary G. Winslow, Winthrop Centre, Me.

AUDITORS.

Susan H. Meader, 634 Warren Street, Boston, Mass.
M. Augusta Battey, Providence, R. I.

QUARTERLY MEETING VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Rhode Island — Alice C. Earle, Fiskeville, R. I.
Salem — Anna M. Gove, Seabrook, N. H.
Sandwich — Elizabeth A. Gifford, Adamsville, R. I.
Smithfield — Sarah J. Swift, 22 Oak Avenue, Worcester, Mass.
Dover — Almira B. Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
Falmouth — Miriam C. Webber, Lisbon Falls, Me.
Vassalboro — Eliza P. Pierce, East Vassalboro, Me.
Fairfield — Phebe M. Wadsworth, Augusta, Me.
Parsonsfield — Dora E. Cartland, N. Sandwich, N. H.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Proportionate and Systematic Giving — Deborah P. Atherton, Uxbridge, Mass.
Literature — Susan Peckham, 27 Cushing Street, Providence, R. I.
Junior and Juvenile Work — Sarah D. Brown, 22 Highland Street, Amesbury, Mass.

BOX COMMITTEE.

Chairman — Gulielma C. Wood, 3 Gleason Street, Boston, Mass.
Mary B. Johnston, 469 Cumberland Street, Portland, Me.
Olive H. Weeks, Friends' School, Providence, R. I.

We adjourn to meet in joint session at four o'clock this afternoon.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING, THE 14TH.

Met in separate session near ten o'clock.

Epistles were presented and read addressed to our dear sisters of Dublin, London, Canada, Baltimore, and North Carolina Yearly Meetings, which met the approval of this Meeting.

The Report of the Trustees of the Mosher Fund has been read and accepted in concurrence with Men Friends.

The Auditing Committee have presented their report which has been accepted, and we unite with the Men's Meeting in the appointment of Samuel R. Buffinton for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, James H. Chace, for Treasurer of the Providence School Funds, and Joseph E. Briggs, for Treasurer of the Funds of Oak Grove Seminary.

The Committee appointed for that purpose have presented the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Temperance which were approved in concurrence.

We unite with the Men's Meeting in the appointment of Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Finance have presented a report which has been accepted. We unite with its recommendations with the exception of the paragraph proposing the insertion, in the Discipline, of the Minute in relation to Christian Giving, which subject is deferred till our next Yearly Meeting.

The Representatives from the Quarterly Meetings, to whom was referred the nomination of a Committee on Finance, have presented the names of Friends which have been approved in concurrence.

They also report that they have considered the request of Falmouth and Fairfield Quarters in regard to the place of holding our Yearly Meeting, and are united in judgment that the next Yearly Meeting should be held at Newport, without making any provision for the future, which was concurred in by the Meeting.

The Committee appointed last year on the subject of Social Purity has presented the following report which has claimed our careful consideration. We still feel the need of earnest labor in this direction, and entrust the work to the same Committee who served last year, with the addition of Mary Almy Chase and Anna F. Hall: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL PURITY.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:

The Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting to take into consideration the needs of work along Social Purity lines submit their first annual report.

In Dover Quarterly Meeting one address has been delivered.

In Parsonsfield Quarter, the work has been principally talk with young girls.

In Falmouth Quarter, literature has been distributed, and as way has opened, mothers have been encouraged to take up the work.

In Rhode Island Quarter two addresses have been given on the subject, but the Committee for that Quarter reports that in her immediate locality there is no openness for it, as the better class of women, so called, do not wish to hear anything said on the subject.

In Vassalboro Quarter, vigorous work has been done. Six hundred and eighty-six pages of literature and forty-five pledge cards have been distributed, three Mothers' Meeting have been held, and four lectures delivered. The Committee for this Quarter suggests Local Superintendents in each Meeting, who shall report to a Quarterly Meeting Superintendent.

In Salem Quarter, two leaflets have been written and published, and talks given to mothers and young people. There is a growing interest in the work, and while little has been done by the Committee which might be reckoned as the work of our denomination, still we have done what we could as opportunity offered, in Mothers' Meetings, in the selection and distribution of literature and private conversation, to elevate the standard of personal purity. We feel the lack of literature bearing upon this subject, also of workers adapted to the work, and wish to encourage any who feel the burden of this department pressing upon them to consecrate themselves to be prepared and used by the Master of the vineyard.

Funds are greatly needed for the purchase and publication of suitable literature. A leaflet in the hands of a mother, a note of warning or instruction, may be the means, in God's hand, of keeping the feet of the little ones from going astray, who otherwise would enter upon ways the end of which is death.

We trust the Meeting will feel like entering upon a more earnest, vigorous, and at the same time very wise prosecution of this line of work, and that some means may be devised by which the necessary funds may be secured.

About one thousand copies of the two leaflets above mentioned have been judiciously distributed at the present Yearly Meeting.

ELIZABETH T. LARKIN,
Corresponding Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL PURITY.

Chairman, PHEBE S. AYDELOTT,
Secretary, ANNA F. HALL,
Treasurer, MARY A. CHASE,
Committee on Literature.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Phebe S. Aydelott.	Abby P. Jenkins.
Elizabeth T. Larkin.	Emeline K. Tuttle.
Ruth S. Murray.	Martha B. Osborne.
S. Jane Cox.	Melissa S. Dearborn.
Salome C. Wheeler.	Mary A. Chase.

Anna F. Hall.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at three o'clock P. M.

FOURTH-DAY AFTERNOON, THE 14TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

The reading of the remainder of the epistles addressed to our sisters of other Yearly Meetings was completed; we also read those addressed to the sick and afflicted, and the Young People and children of our own Yearly Meeting, all of which were approved and directed to be signed.

The Clerk was authorized to call on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting to defray the expense of the usual amount of printing.

The business of the joint session having been accomplished in much harmony and love, the Yearly Meeting concluded.

ANNA G. WOOD,
Clerk of Women's Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

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1. The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was held Sixth Month 10th, 1893, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., at Portland, Me.

2. The first half hour was spent in singing and devotional exercises, and then the meeting proceeded with the following business: —

3. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

4. The roll of delegates was read as follows: —

Portland. — Annie C. Hussey, Howard T. Cox, Lucy Goddard, Hannah Fickett, Fred C. Dearborn, Nellie M. Johnson, Emma A. Douglas.

South Durham. — Mary H. Robinson, Sadie R. Cox, Walter S. Fosset, Isaiah Douglas, Hattie E. Fosset.

Westport. — Annie M. Gifford, May E. Taylor, Edward G. Wood, Edward L. Macomber.

Dartmouth. — John A. Cornell, George H. Howland.

Lawrence. — William A. Goddard.

Pittsfield. — Florence A. Dow, Hattie A. Dow, Minnie Brown.

Lynn. — Charles H. Atkins, Jennie M. Atkins, Marianna S. Crosman, Elmer E. Metzger, Eliza A. Jones, Arthur B. Fuller, Carrie M. Jones, Cyrus Jones.

Hallowell. — Lizzie A. Church, William J. Knight, Ida M. Knight, A. F. Morse, Cora Smith, Emma F. Howe.

Vassalboro. — Luther G. Wilmore, Sarah C. Ames, Alice E. Hall, Florence M. Pierce.

South China.—Frank E. Jones, Ella F. Jones, Willis C. Hawes, Eliza Philbrook, Ida C. Jones.

Woonsocket. — Elisha T. Read, Mabel Mann, Nellie Phillips, Bertha Pinkham, Joseph P. Burgess, William P. Pinkham, Jennie L. Lothrop.

Lewiston.— F. B. Goodrich, John Getchell, C. S. Small, Fordyce Farr, Fred Bailey, Frank Litchfield, E. W. Packard, Ida M. Packard, Flora V. Hoxie.

Saylesville. — Mary Babcock, James Renfrew, Alice Meader, Thomas Jackson.

Boston. — Martha Hoag, Almy Chase, Lyra Trueblood, William Hoag.

Somerset. — Sydney L. Hathaway, Fred Wilcox, Emma R. Chase, Adeline F. Chace, Charles A. Chace.

Of these, forty-one were present.

5. The following reports of officers were read and accepted : —

1. — Recording Secretary.
2. — Corresponding Secretary.
3. — Organizer.
4. — Treasurer.

6. A Committee on Resolutions was appointed, consisting of the following : —

Frank H. Jones, Luther Wilmore, Elmer E. Metzger, Ida Jones, Marion A. Goddard.

7. The Executive Committee brought forward the following report which was read and accepted and the officers therein named elected for the coming year : —

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR OF THE NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.

RECEIPTS.

1892.			
June 11.	Balance from last year	$44 06	
“ 11.	Collection taken at Yearly Meeting	24 39	
“ 11.	Cash from Bolton	3 00	
Oct. 27.	“ Boston Y. P. S. C. E.	4 00	
“ 27.	“ Martha Hoag	3 16	
1893.			
April 18.	“ Lawrence Y. P. S. C. E.	2 50	
May 23.	“ Portland “	5 00	
“ 23.	“ Amesbury “	70	
“ 23.	“ Lynn “	1 80	
“ 29.	“ South China “	1 35	
“ 29.	“ Durham “	1 10	
“ 29.	“ Fall River “	2 00	
“ 29.	“ Lewiston “	2 30	
“ 31.	“ Hallowell “	1 50	
“ 31.	“ Saylesville “	90	
	Total receipts		$97 76

EXPENDITURES.

June 11.	Paid organizer for organizing at China Neck,	$3 00	
“ 14.	“ “ ensuing expenses	20 00	
Dec. 2.	“ “ “	20 00	
1893.			
Mar. 12.	Clerk to F. A. Mason for assisting organizer in his work	10 00	
	Total	$53 00	
	Balance on hand	44 76	
			$97 76

JOSEPH P. BURGESS, *Treas.*

TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING:

In response to a request from Peter W. Raidabaugh, one of the editors of the “Christian Worker,” letters were written to eighteen of our societies to ascertain the names of Presidents as well as Secretaries.

The “Worker” wanted the list in order to correspond with the societies and get all the material possible for the new C. E. Department in the paper. Seventeen Societies responded, and their names forwarded as requested. Thinking it would be profitable to put the new societies (of which we have eight) in correspondence with the older ones, letters were written to some of the societies to that effect. Forty-three letters have been written in the interest of the work, beside the correspondence with the Vice-Presidents, to ascertain their views as to whom should fill the place of Superintendent of the Junior department, which was made vacant by the resignation of Clara C. Binford.

Five replies from Vice-Presidents were received and only one expressed any preference as to name of officer.

From our correspondence we have been impressed with the fact that *more attention should be given to reporting* the work done in the local societies, *and doing it promptly.* The efforts made in bringing in the careless and unconcerned as associate members have been blessed to their conversion in many cases and increased the interest and love of those engaged in the work of our Church. Much interest is shown in some of the societies and we press forward in hope that more sheaves may be gathered the coming year to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH M. FRYE,
Corresponding Secretary.

President — LINDLEY M. BINFORD, Saco, Maine.

Recording Secretary — HARRIETT E. MCLEAN, 10 Marianna Street, Lynn, Mass.

Corresponding Secretary — ELLEN WINSLOW, Westbrook, Me.

Treasurer — WILLIAM GODDARD, Lawrence, Mass.

Organizer — FRANK E. JONES, South China, Me.

Superintendent Junior Work — ELIZABETH M. FRYE, Woodfords, Me.

QUARTERLY MEETING VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Rhode Island — MARY L. CHASE, 21 Winter Street, Fall River, Mass.

Salem — HENRY M. BUBIER.

Sandwich — HELEN H. SEABURY, 414 County Street, New Bedford, Mass.

Falmouth — FRED C. DEARBORN, 44 Winter Street, Portland, Me.

Smithfield — JOHN METCALF, Union Village, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Vassalboro — EMILY S. WEEKS, Vassalboro, Me.

Dover — WILLIAM P. JENKINS, Dover, N. H.

Fairfield — LIZZIE A. CHURCH, Hallowell, Me.

Parsonsfield — HARRY M. COBB, East Parsonsfield, Me.

8. An interesting letter from the Junior Department of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., was read.

9. The following delegates, with power to appoint substitutes, were appointed to attend the International Convention at Mon-

treal: Elmer E. Metzger. Oscar J. Morse, Lucy Goddard, Mary H. Robinson, Cyrus Jones, Eliza A. Jones, Ellen Pope, Herbert N. Skillings.

10. A collection was then taken which amounted to twenty dollars and seventy-seven cents.

11. The Committee on Resolutions then reported. President George L. Crosman and Benjamin F. Trueblood were instructed to revise the report which is as follows: —

EDITOR OF THE "GOLDEN RULE."

The Y. P. S. C. E. Union, of the Society of Friends for New England Annual Meeting, assembled at Portland, Me., June 10, 1893, adopted the following resolution relative to the recent movement in the formation of Boys' Brigades: *Whereas*, we have noticed in recent numbers of the *Golden Rule*, editorial and other writing approving and encouraging the formation of Boys' Brigades, which we believe tend to foster a military spirit and love of war among our young people; and *Whereas*, we believe war and all practices of a military nature to be distinctly contrary to the spirit and teachings of our Master Jesus Christ, therefore

Resolved, That we, His earnest followers, and as members of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, do hereby express our disapproval of the course of the *Golden Rule* in this respect; also that we appeal to our fellow Christian Endeavorers everywhere to shun and discourage all appearance of the military or warlike spirit, a spirit unworthy the followers of our Saviour who came to save men's lives, and who taught all men to love one another.

Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the Minutes of this meeting, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the *Golden Rule*.

12. We then listened to most interesting and instructive words from Isaac Sharp, of London Yearly Meeting.

He was followed by Rufus M. Jones, of Oak Grove Seminary, who spoke briefly of our C. E. work.

13. Letters had previously been sent to the different societies asking for questions to be answered at the Annual Meeting, and were responded to by the societies. These questions were answered by George N. Hartley, of Oregon, which was a very pleasing feature of the evening's programme.

14. The meeting then adjourned.

GEORGE L. CROSMAN, *President*.

JENNIE L. LOTHROP, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING 6TH MONTH, 1893.

	Rhode Island.	Salem.	Sandwich.	Falmouth.	Smithfield.	Vassalboro.	Dover.	Fairfield.	Parsonsfield.	Total.
No. local Societies in your Quarterly Meeting..	3	6	2	3	1	4	0	3	0	22
Number organized during the past year........	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	7
Number of Quarterly Meetings held, and where.	0	At Lynn.	0	So. Durham, Deering.	0	0	0	0	0	3
General condition of work............... ...	Question not answered.	In a flourishing condition.	In excellent condition.	Interest is increasing.	Good, but need of more earnest work.	Very encouraging.	Few young people.	In a prospering condition.		

	Friends' Boarding-School, Providence.	Lawrence.	Lewiston.	Lynn.	Woonsocket.	East Vassalboro.	New Bedford.	Portland.	Dartmouth.	South China.	Hallowell.	South Durham.	Westport.	Vassalboro.	Saylesville.	Somerset.	Boston.	Amesbury.	Pittsfield.	North Weare.	St. Albans.	Fall River.	Berlin.	West China.	Unity.	Sidney.	Maple Grove.	Total Reported.	Increase over last year.
Number of Active Members.......	61	54	46	36	35	33	60 or 70	31	29	27	24	22	20	19	18	18	16	14	14	Is not a Friends' Society	Has been given up; there are no young people.	Is not fully organized.	Not reported.	Not reported.	Not reported.	Not reported.	Not reported.	577	75
Number of Associate Members....	32	3	0	3	23	11	–	4	21	0	6	6	3	6	12	5	1	6	4									146	45
Number who are Friends...........	32	39	35	31	18	30	30	26	12	25	16	17	9	8	6	20	16	13	6									387	60
Number who have become Friends since 6th Month, 1892...........	Not known	4	9	6	0	3	0	1	3	8	3	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	4									49	38
Is your Society auxiliary to the United Society of C. E.?..........	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									–	–
Have you a Junior Society?........	No	No	No	Girls Boys	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No									–	–
If so, how many members?.........	–	–	–	26 10	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20	–	–	–									56	8

TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Y. P. S. C. E. OF THE NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING:

The past year has been one in which the blessing of the Lord has richly rested upon the work of the Christian Endeavor within our Church in New England. Eight new societies have been formed, and in the following places, viz.: —

At North Weare, South Pittsfield, Lower Smithfield, Sidney, Augusta, Central Village, Allen's Neck, and Smith's Neck.

All of these are full-fledged Endeavor societies, except the one at Augusta, which has not as yet come under all the rules of the Y. P. S. C. E.; but sufficiently so, we believe, as to be represented in our ranks. It would be right to state that this has not been all the immediate work of your organizer. The last three above mentioned were organized by Brother F. A. Marston, at our request, through our correspondence with him; and the one at Augusta by Brother Alvano C. Goddard, at our suggestion, thus saving us considerable expense and travel. It is worthy of note that nearly every one of these societies has been formed at the close of a blessed revival interest, and an ingathering of young people into the fold of Christ.

Your organizer has spoken at several places on the subject of Christian Endeavor, besides those where he succeeded in organizing; but one of the great lacks seemed to be the need of Christian young people. It is our prayer that the revival work may spread the coming year, still more grandly than it has in the past, and that each ingathering into the fold of Christ may be followed by an organization of a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Your Organizer,

FRANK E. JONES.

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MINUTES

OF THE

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

FOR

NEW ENGLAND.

1894.

BOSTON:
ALFRED MUDGE & SON, PRINTERS,
No. 24 Franklin Street.
1894.

The attention of Quarterly and Monthly Meetings is particularly directed to the following Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, viz.: —

Minute No. 31, relating to finances.

Minute No. 51, care of records.

Minute No. 58, latter clause, quotas, etc.

Minute No. 59, expunging clause of discipline.

Minute No. 70, rescinding of Minute No. 49 of Minutes for 1893.

Minute No. 78, relating to one set of answers to queries.

The attention of the Representative Meeting is called to Minutes Nos. 50, 60, and 67 of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

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1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in joint session at Newport, R. I., commencing on Sixth-day Sixth month, 8th, 1894.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz. : —

FROM RHODE ISLAND — Phebe R. Gifford, Elizabeth S. Newton, Harriette D. Collins, Cynthia J. Earle, Esther Chace, Louisa N. Meader, Phebe S. Aydelott, Charles A. Chace, Harriett A. Shove, Benjamin Greene, Eunice A. Greene, Annie L. Manchester, Obadiah Chace, Ellen K. Buffum, Charles C. Varney, Samuel R. Buffinton, Robert P. Gifford, Charles W. Earle, Augustine Jones, Frank E. Jones, Daniel Meader, Henry C. Aydelott, and Joseph H. Atwater.

FROM SALEM — William O. Newhall, Joshua Buxton, Owen Dame, Mary E. Newhall, Daniel C. Maxfield, Anna M. Gove, Mary A. Crosman, John Ellwood Paige, Huldah G. Buxton, Ellen M. Osborne, Alice W. Maxfield, Annie K. Knight, George L. Crosman, Thomas Wood, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Joseph G. Smith, Mary J. Buxton, Lucy Ellen Collins, Mary Almy Chase, William F. Vining, Gulielma C. Wood, and John F. Chase.

FROM SANDWICH — Rachel S. Howland, Esther D. Macomber, Elizabeth C. Wing, Mary C. Baylies, Anna G. Wood, Susan S. Tripp, Abby H. Cornell, Lydia B. Dillingham, Susan F. Hoxie, Phebe B. Slocum, Hettie F. Potter, Stephen R. Wing, Edward G. Dillingham, N. Hervey Wilbur, Joshua L. Macomber, Edward G. Wood, Gideon Wood, William P. Macomber, John C. Taylor, George C. Akin, John B. Baylies, and Barnabas Holway.

From Falmouth — Reuben T. Jones, Ezra Hawkes, John J. Frye, William H. Douglas, Nathan Douglas, George H. Farr, Charles M. Jones, William E. Watson, Henry Partridge, Jehu Newlin, Anna F. Hall, Lucy R. Goddard, S. Jane Cox, Myra E. Frye, Hannah Fickett, Eliza B. Douglas, Lucy A. Snow, Mary H. Robinson, Elizabeth Frye, Sarah W. Newlin, Esther Jones, and Jason Fickett.

From Smithfield — Richard Battey, D. Wheeler Swift, Charles F. Andrews, Isaac Steere, Francis H. Inman, Paul A. Randall, Mary A. Battey, Sarah J. Wheeler, Abigail Wheeler, Abbie W. Randall, Sarah J. Swift, Salome C. Wheeler, Ella L. Andrews, and Avis B. Steere.

From Vassalboro — Alfred H. Jones, William H. Cates, James M. Estes, Linwood W. Jones, Willis C. Hawes, Henry H. Goddard, George H. Pope, Frank H. Jones, William A. Jones, Mary C. Jones, Etta S. Cates, Peace Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, Lizzie F. Pope, Elizabeth K. Jones, Anna Jones, and Mary R. Jones.

From Dover — Samuel Buffum, Job Varney, William P. Tuttle, Otis Meader, George Estes, George Irving Jenness, Asa C. Tuttle, Lydia E. Sawyer, Emeline H. Tuttle, Almira B. Buffum, Mercy Jenness, Emma Jenness, and Lillian Varney.

From Fairfield — Mary Wadsworth Jones, Hannah J. Bailey, Lizzie M. Hawkes, Phebe M. Wadsworth, Olive M. Tuttle, Paul Wing, David J. Douglas, Jesse McPherson, Augustus F. Morse, and Joseph E. Briggs.

From Parsonsfield — Lydia A. Cartland, Eunice D. Cartland, Mary L. Cobb, Melissa S. Dearborne, Abby C. Leonard, Julia A. Remick, Otis Meader, Silas H. Cartland, John B. Cartland, Joseph Remick, and Martha E. Hoag.

Whose names being called, one hundred and thirty-four were present and twenty absent. For the absence of eleven of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

3. We have, at this time, the acceptable company of our friends, Fernando G. Cartland, a minister of the Gospel, from New York

Yearly Meeting; Noah C. McLean, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Franklin Meredith, and his wife Mary Moon Meredith, from Western Yearly Meeting; Lauretta Pim, a minister, and her husband, Aden Pim, a Christian worker, from Ohio Yearly Meeting, who produced certificates from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them and with their present religious engagements amongst us.

4. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this meeting from other Yearly Meetings, with returning Minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following, viz.: —

Alfred H. Jones, Henry C. Aydelott, I. Warren Hawkes, Harriette D. Collins, Richard Battey, Hannah J. Bailey, Lucy R. Goddard, and Mary W. Jones.

5. Epistles have been received from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. We have also received an epistle from Ramallah Monthly Meeting, Palestine.

6. Read at this session epistles from our friends of the Yearly Meetings of London for 1893, and Ireland, for 1894, to our edification.

7. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz.: —

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports: Darius Buffington, an Elder and member of Swansea Monthly Meeting, has been released from membership in our Society at his own request. The time for holding Freetown Preparative Meeting has been changed from the week preceding monthly meeting to two weeks preceding the holding of the same, at the close of the mid-week Meeting for worship as heretofore.

It has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of one associate member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, for two years.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary W. Goddard to the station of Elder, and with two of its Monthly Meetings, in the appointment of six associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Annie K. Knight, a minister, has been received by certificate from New York to Salem Monthly Meeting.

The time of holding the mid-week Meeting at Salem has been changed to 2.30 P. M.

The time of holding the mid-week Meeting at North Weare, N. H., has been changed to Fifth-day P. M., at 3 o'clock.

The mid-week Meeting of South Weare has been discontinued.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in changing the hour of that Monthly Meeting, when held at Yarmouth, from 10 A. M. to 11 A. M. It has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Henry A. Slocum, and also with friends of that Monthly Meeting in holding the same at Allen's Neck, in first, fourth, seventh, and tenth months ; at Smith's Neck, in second, fifth, eighth, and eleventh months, and at Apponegansett, in the third, sixth, ninth, and twelfth months, at the same hour as heretofore.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George E. Roberts and Flavilla S. Roberts to the station of Elder.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah E. Jones, Eunice W. Winslow, and Abigail L. Paddock, to the station of Elder, and with two Monthly Meetings, in the appointment of six associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The hour for holding Sidney Monthly Meeting has been changed from 11 o'clock A. M. to 10 o'clock A. M., the dates remaining the same.

8. We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Owen Dame, Edward G. Dillingham, S. Jane Cox, Isaac Steere, William H. Cates, Job Varney, Joseph E. Briggs, and John B. Cartland, a Committee to

audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date, to propose a sum of money to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also to propose a Friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School at Providence, and another for Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro.

9. We appoint the following a Committee to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries and present it at a future sitting, viz.: Ellen K. Buffum, Charles W. Earle, and others.

10. We appoint the following Committee to nominate a Committee on Correspondence, viz.: Anna M. Gove, Thomas Wood, and others.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

SIXTH-DAY AFTERNOON, SIXTH MONTH 8TH.

The Meeting convened in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

11. Ezra Hawkes on behalf of the Men Representatives proposed the names of Timothy B. Hussey for Clerk, and John Ellwood Paige and Daniel C. Maxfield for Assistant Clerks, whose names separately considered, being approved, they are appointed to these services respectively for the ensuing year.

12. We have at this session the acceptable company of J. Lindley Spicer and Mary J. Weaver in the ministry, from New York Yearly Meeting, who produced certificates from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them, and with their present religious services.

13. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence presented their annual report.

We feel very thankful for another successful year at this school, and that its long reputation as an educational institution of high order has been well maintained.

We appoint the following to nominate a Committee to have charge of the Institution the coming year, also to nominate a Real Estate Committee, viz.: Owen Dame, George L. Crosman, and others.

REPORT OF PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting this, the Seventy-fifth Annual Report of the Boarding School at Providence, the Committee in charge have the satisfaction of reiterating the statement of former years, that the School, with its varied interests, has received their careful and prayerful attention, and that it has maintained, as previously, a high standard of efficiency and of moral and intellectual culture, so that the Committee can confidently assert that the present year has been a very successful one at the School.

With some slight exception, and the death of one of the scholars, the health of the School has been excellent. The Principal, in his communication to the Committee in the Fourth Month stated, that "One of the students, George Sawyer, of Weare, N. H., departed this life, Second Month 19th, 1894, at the age of 16 years, 5 months and 24 days. He bore an excellent character while with us, and his departure left a deep and lasting impression on the entire family. He gave abundant evidence that the change was expected by him, and that 'The peace of God which passeth all understanding, was given to him. He seemed fully prepared for the event which awaited him, stayed by an unfaltering trust."

It becomes at this time our sad duty to record the recent death of our honored and beloved associate, Sarah F. Tobey. Her name first appeared as a member of the School Committee in 1838, and her long term of service expired only with her life, and was rendered invaluable by the exercise of a most excellent judgment, an unusual executive ability, and a sweet and calming influence which pervaded her intercourse with every department of the Institution, whose interests she had so much at heart, and whose prosperity she labored to promote. Of her it may well be said, "She opened her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue was the law of kindness. She stretched out her hand to the poor, yea, she reached forth her hands to the needy. Give her the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates." In the full possession of her bodily and mental faculties, she met the pale messenger, serenely passed away beyond the earthly vision of her loving family and friends, into the arms of the Savior, in whom was all her trust, to join, we reverently believe, the hosts of the ransomed and redeemed in Heaven.

"The blessing of her quiet life
  Fell on us like the dew;
And good thoughts where her footsteps pressed
  Like fairy blossoms grew.
Still let her mild rebuking stand
  Between us and the wrong;
And her dear memory serve to make
  Our faith in Goodness strong."

The improvements at the Institution have been constantly advancing. The placing of a new Mansard roof on the rear building has made possible, in the old lecture room in the basement, a fine Chemical Laboratory, with the most approved modern equipment, a very important need of the school; it has also secured ten new lodging rooms; given to us the first story of the building for Natural Science, and thus furnishing new class room, which has been much needed for many years. The class rooms have been improved also by modern furniture, adding greatly to the comfort of the pupils and the usefulness of the rooms.

This change in the roof, with the single exception of the roof over the boys' school room, completes new roofs within ten years, over all the buildings of the school, which will continue with very little repairs for many years no doubt.

The subject of taxation of the school has been before the Legislature again this winter and has given us great anxiety, but the law remains for the present unchanged.

A new driveway is being constructed to open on Hope Street. This will give a fine entrance to the school grounds which has been much needed since the opening of Lloyd Avenue and the destruction of the old trees on the School Avenue twenty years ago.

A new arrangement of large parlors in each wing is being made so that students shall not be deprived of the comforts of home life and forced to sit only at school desks in hours of rest and recreation.

Improved heating and ventilation is the next move pending and none was ever more needed after water-tight roofs were constructed.

Moses Brown, in his communication to the Meeting for Sufferings in 1814, in which he offered to donate the land upon which the school stands, said, "Let us proceed in conformity with the Divine mind that we may hope for His blessing." They laid the foundation in faith and sincerity. And we are witnesses how the blessing of heaven has attended this noble undertaking.

The realization of the magnitude of the cause fills our hearts with gratitude and thanksgiving to Him in whose keeping are all the institutions and causes so dear to us.

The number of scholars for the year has been, —

Boarders	167
Day students	15
Day art students	37
Total	219

Officers of Government and Instruction.

Augustine Jones, A. M., LL. B., Principal, and Political Science.

Edward H. Weeks, B. P., Governor, and English Studies, and Calisthenics for Boys.

Evelyn Barrows, B. S., Preceptress, and English Studies.

Thomas J. Battey, A. M., Natural Science.

Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.

SOPHIA L. PITMAN, Drawing and Painting.
WALTER S. MEADER, A. M., Higher Mathematics.
H. B. KNOX, A. B., Greek and Latin.
CHARLES R. JACOB, A. B., Modern Languages.
LUCIA A. WHEELER, A. B., English Studies.
HELEN A. THOMAS, A. B., English Studies.
ABBIE D. CARTLAND, Primary Room.
ELIZA D. GARDINER, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
ALLEN W. WEEKS, Mechanic Arts.
JOHN H. LINDSEY, A. B., English Studies.
ROBERT BONNER, Instrumental Music.
ETTA A. CORBIN, Calisthenics for Girls.
SIDNEY R. BURLEIGH, Special in Water Colors.
ZECHARIAH R. TUCKER, Special in Mechanical Drawing.
HANNAH G. RYDER, Secretary and Bookkeeper.
BERTHA F. TUCKER, Librarian.

LECTURER.

THOMAS J. BATTEY, A. M., Natural Science.

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the school, per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund, $75. Credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same fund, of $25. And a further credit to any member of the New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $75. The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, or German, of $10; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made, except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence. Signed, on behalf of the Committee.

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

PROVIDENCE, Fifth Month 29th, 1894.

NOTE.—The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 12th, 1894, and the Spring Term begins Second Month 6th, 1895.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, Seventh Month 31st, 1894.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Seventh Month 31st, 1894.

Applications should be sent to the Principal, Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.

STATEMENT OF SETTLEMENT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING SEVENTH MONTH 1ST, 1893.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England:

RESOURCES.		
Charitable Scholarship Fund	$1,800 00	
Elizabeth Fry “ “	1,500 00	
General Scholarship Fund	5,550 00	
L. T. Olney “ “	2,337 50	
P. J. Tripp “ “	150 00	
Day Scholars' Tuition	1,684 25	
Auxiliary Studies	3,290 32	
Board and Tuition	35,421 52	
		$51,733 59
EXPENDITURES.		
Salary Account	$15,778 61	
Wages	10,402 74	
Provisions	12,113 73	
Repairs and Renewals	3,451 11	
Improvements	615 45	
Fuel	1,584 14	
Light	928 46	
Water	309 22	
Advertising	528 16	
Library	238 53	
Paper and Periodicals	77 22	
Incidentals	270 43	
Debts considered bad	666 34	
Balance, Profit and Loss, for future Improvements,	4,769 45	
		$51,733 59

ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
J. N. CHACE,
SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON,
CHARLES SISSON,
} *Auditors.*

14. The Committee on Real Estate presented the following Report, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

No sales of land belonging to the Boarding School have occurred in the year past, and the Committee have not thought it advisable to incur any expense for improvements on the lots now offered for sale, except to allow the extension of the City Sewers on Hope and Olney Streets.

ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
Clerk of the Real Estate Committee.

Providence, R. I., Sixth Month 1st, 1894.

The Committee in charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute was presented and read. This Meeting records its feeling of gratitude that this institution is making such commendable progress as an educational and spiritual power.

The same committee is reappointed for service the coming year, with the substitution of Eliza B. Douglas in place of William P. Pinkham, released at his request.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

In reviewing the work of the past school year, we thankfully acknowledge the goodness and loving kindness of Him through whose blessing upon human arrangements and labor, the best results can alone be realized. Truly the guiding hand of our Lord has been manifested in directing the affairs of Oak Grove School and for what has been accomplished we give Him thanks.

The new principal, Henry H. Goddard, who entered upon his duties with the beginning of the school year, has proved himself well qualified for the position and has discharged his varied duties, including that of religious instructor, to the entire satisfaction of the Committee. The different departments of school work have been in the charge of efficient teachers who have faithfully performed the duties entrusted to them.

The attendance has been larger than in previous years, numbering one hundred and thirty-six. The health of the family has been excellent, no case of severe illness having occurred either among the boarders or day scholars. The graduating class numbered twelve, all but one of whom were reported as active Christians. The public interest in the school and its popularity were clearly indicated by the crowd of visitors who came to listen to the graduating exercises. Hundreds were present and the appearance of the teams on the meeting house premises and in the grove adjoining, was a forcible reminder of the old fashioned Friends' Quarterly Meeting.

The essays of the graduating class were both in thought and delivery highly creditable. It was pleasant to think of the influence for good likely to be exerted by this class of intelligent young Christians as they go out into the world to fill the positions in life for which their literary and religious training in this school have fitted them.

Among the improvements of the past year may be mentioned a new cistern with a capacity of one hundred and fifty hogsheads, — a much needed addition to the water supply. We have also thankfully to acknowledge the gift of a fine large Seminary bell, presented to the school by our dear friend Elenora Bailey Woodman.

Since the re-establishment of Oak Grove School the religious training of its pupils has had a prominent place in the thought of the Committee in charge, and in the faithful service of each of its principals. During the past year this important feature of school work has received a large share of attention and with satisfactory results. A Christian minister who recently visited the school expressed his joy at finding that seven-eighths of the scholars in the boarding department were professed Christians. Meetings for worship have been regularly held on First days and in the middle of the week, in which the pupils have taken a deep interest.

We believe that Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute is filling an important place in the educational and religious work of our Society in eastern New England, and that it merits the fostering care of the Yearly Meeting.

Application for admission to the school should be made to

HENRY H. GODDARD, A. M., *Principal*,
Oak Grove Seminary and Baily Institute,
Vassalboro, Maine.

On behalf of the Committee,

CHARLES M. BAILEY, *Chairman.*
I. WARREN HAWKES, *Clerk.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 8th, 1894.

TREASURER'S REPORT, OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

1893,	RECEIPTS.		
6th Mo. 1st.	By balance from last year	$278 35	
"	" Board and Tuition	5,177 24	
"	" Interest on General Funds	737 76	
"	" Interest on Sibyl Jones Fund	50 33	
"	" Interest on Mary E. Austin "	263 28	
"	" Interest from State Treasurer	400 00	
"	" Interest received on Fund	500 00	
" 8th.	Received from State	400 00	
"	" Interest Due on Coupons	57 50	
			$7,864 46
1893.	EXPENDITURES.		
7th Mo. 13th.	To cash paid Henry H. Goddard, on last year's Salary	$150 00	
"	To Salary account present year	2,199 99	
"	" Wages	1,003 86	
"	" Scholarship	398 00	
"	" Repairs and Renewals	636 70	
"	" Provisions	1,694 65	
"	" Fuel	712 81	
"	" Lights	54 64	
"	" Incidentals	185 35	
"	" Cash paid for Cow	35 00	
"	" Cash paid on Foreclosure	103 70	
			$7,174 70
Balance on hand			$689 76

We have examined the above accounts with vouchers for money paid out and found them correct.

GEORGE L. CROSMAN,
HANNAH J. BAILEY,
Auditors.

The Committee on Education presented their report. We have been deeply interested in the report, and the valuable suggestions contained in it have commended themselves to our judgment.

16. The same Committee is continued for service the coming year: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England:

The Committee on Education has accomplished, during the year, little definite work to report to the Yearly Meeting, but the members of the Committee have in their individual capacities endeavored to promote the cause of education in their respective localities. Some have visited the schools of the Yearly Meeting as way opened, and have endeavored to promote their interests, while through the instrumentality of other members of the Committee one hundred dollars was raised for the use of the Freedmen's Normal Institute of Maryville, Tenn., a school under the care of the Yearly Meeting.

In the judgment of your Committee, one of the greatest needs of our Yearly Meeting is a more just appreciation of the value of a liberal education, gained not merely from the intellectual standpoint, but acquired under conditions favorable to the nurture of a Christian life, and to those aspects of truth for which Friends have always stood. While there are dangers to be encountered by one who engages in intellectual pursuits, as by one who uses any other power of his being, experience teaches us that ignorance is a hindrance rather than a help to all spiritual and moral progress.

Children should therefore be educated not alone for the money value, which such an education will be to them, but that the power of their minds may thereby more effectively become the hand-maids of their spirits in every good word and work. In selecting the schools to which our children are to be sent, this end should be kept in view. In our democratic organization where every member is at least potentially a religious leader, it is essential that our youth should be trained in an atmosphere in sympathy with the truth for which the Society stands. While, therefore the public school may be inexpensive, and intellectually efficient, Friends should be encouraged wherever it is possible, to put their children into our own schools. These, while not conducted on a denominational basis so narrow as to cripple the intellectual or religious life, are pervaded by a Friendly atmosphere, calculated to foster, in the young, loyalty to the Society.

Friends should, we think, also be encouraged to give their children, whenever it is practicable for them to do so, a college education, and if need be, to make sacrifices therefor.

In no period of the Society's history were there more well-trained minds among its active membership than in its early days, and at no time since have Friends been so thoroughly in sympathy with the spirit of the age in which they have lived, or so efficient in ministering to its spiritual needs.

We would not only that all the Lord's people were prophets, but that they should yield unto their Master, vessels prepared in every way efficiently to do His will.

Friends are therefore encouraged to promote by all reasonable means the higher education of their children, that no mistaken conception of economy may hinder the fullest possible preparation for all high and noble work.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE A. BARTON,
RUTH S. MURRAY.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month, 8th, 1894.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from last year	$41 45	
Received from Salem Monthly Meeting	4 00	
Received from Falmouth Monthly Meeting	2 00	
Received from Swansea Monthly Meeting	1 93	
Received from Providence Monthly Meeting, and elsewhere — money placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting	5 00	
		$54 38

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses connected with the Meeting at Newport	$18 00	
Balance on hand	36 38	
		$54 38

17. The Committee to Nominate a Committee on Correspondence presented the following, viz.: Mary W. Jones, Henry C. Aydelott, and others.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

SEVENTH-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 9TH.

The meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

18. The epistle from New York Yearly Meeting, also from Oregon Yearly Meeting, established last year, were read.

19. The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Peace presented their report, which is satisfactory, and the work of the Committee appreciated.

This concern which has so long occupied a prominent place in our department of the Church, commends itself to-day to our renewed attention and exertion, realizing as we do that while we are happily living in a time of outward peace, the elements which go to create war are still active, and our unwavering testimony is still needed.

The same Committee is continued, and they are requested to present to this Meeting the name of a Friend to represent it in the Peace Association of Friends in America.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The efforts of the Committee for the Promotion of the Cause of Peace and Arbitration have devolved almost wholly upon one of its members, Hannah J. Bailey. Her report of the Lecture Department is appended to this.

From her report of other service to the Committee, it appears that she has distributed 42,000 copies of peace publications, some of which came to her hands from friends of the cause in England; among these are "Dymond on War," and "War as it is." The former stands the test of years as a radical Christian argument. The latter is a graphic little book, containing a lecture by Wilhelm Carlsen, of Denmark [translated by our friend Priscilla Peckover, of England]; also illustrated with many vivid copies of those pictures of Vereschagin, the soldier-artist, who showed on canvas the hideous and repulsive side of war.

Our friend also served the cause very faithfully by the use of the public press, by several public addresses, and by private conversation. We quote some of her conclusions from what she observed: —

"We have reason to fear that the children in some of the Bible Schools of the Yearly Meeting do not hear as much about peace and the brotherhood of nations as should be expected, although in some schools these principles are carefully taught. Let us show the children that the time when men shall learn war no more, as foreseen by the prophet, can be brought about in various ways, — by mutual agreement, by arbitration, neutralization, education, popular voice, commerce, by disarmament, and by teaching Christ, the Prince of Peace."

Our Yearly Meeting was worthily represented at the Peace Congress at Chicago by Benjamin F. Trueblood, Timothy B. Hussey, and Hannah J. Bailey, the former, as general Secretary, bestowing a great amount of labor in promoting the success which the Congress attained, the latter presiding at one of the sessions and giving a most excellent address on "Woman's Power to Maintain or Suppress War."

A very excellent report of the proceedings of this notable gathering has been published by the American Peace Society. We recommend that this book have a wide circulation. We know of no work at present better adapted for enlightening the public as to the progress of the movement for international peace and arbitration. The book shows us what noble minds are engaged upon this great subject. The review which it gives of the work of faithful men in the past, the definite plan put forth for a High Court of Nations, the resolutions and conclusions reached, the addresses to governments, and plans for aggressive work for the good of the world, make it a historical document of great value.

The Report of the Peace Association of Friends in America is presented to the Yearly Meeting. We do well to co-operate with this organization and support its publications.

The "Advocate of Peace," organ of the American Peace Society, continues its work of enlightenment with increased efficiency. It richly merits a wide circulation.

While there is a distinct advance to be noted in the Legislatures and Governments towards arrangements for the peaceful settlement of difficulties between men and nations, there is still great need of teaching and exemplifying deeper principles of brotherhood and Christian forbearance.

There is a field of reform which invites the attention of our young people's organizations, to show that there is a nobler patriotism than that which desires to multiply war ships and arsenals.

On behalf of the Committee,
SAMUEL BUFFUM, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF LECTURE COMMITTEE.

Thirty-one lectures in the interests of Peace have been given by professional lecturers within the limits of the Yearly Meeting.

Twelve were given in Maine, five in New Hampshire, six in Massachusetts, and eight in Rhode Island. There was much need, and fine opportunities were found for more work on this line, but the funds sent to the Treasurer through the envelope system were insufficient to defray the expense. Most of the money used was furnished by individuals and by the kindness of the Peace Association of Friends in America, who sent William G. Hubbard (now President of the Association) to us who gave fifteen lectures by appointment of your Committee which arranged for them under its own auspices. One was given at each of the Yearly Meeting schools in Providence and in Vassalboro, and all with satisfactory results.

Our friend, Emily U. Burgess, of New York, spent two weeks within the limits of the Yearly Meeting, giving lectures under the direction of the Committee, which awakened an interest in the subject in each locality visited by her. In several places her audiences were large and appreciative.

The public press spoke in high terms of the speakers and the thoughts they advanced and the cause they advocated. We think there is a growing interest in the cause everywhere, although there are hindrances. The pernicious Boys' Brigade and the mischievous military drill in schools are formidable obstacles in the way of promoting peace principles. Let each Friend do duty by exerting an influence against these whenever opportunity offers.

The Gospel of Peace, according to the golden rule for nations as well as individuals, has been preached by several of our own ministers, and also by some belonging to other religious bodies, since our last report. Our chieftain in the cause, Dr. B. F. Trueblood, has done much public work along these lines, and by influencing the press, not only as editor of a great peace paper, but by writing articles for other papers, tracts for publication, etc., as well as by giving public addresses, and by his arduous labors in arranging for the International Peace Congress, which has given an impetus to the Peace Cause greater than it ever had before.

We have found too much apathy existing in a few localities in the Society of Friends in regard to pushing the work of this Committee, but an enthusiastic interest is apparent in some places.

HANNAH J. BAILEY,
For the Committee.

THOMAS WOOD, *Treasurer, in account with* THE YEARLY MEETING'S COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

RECEIPTS.

6th Mo., 1893.		
Received from Samuel R. Buffinton (former Treasurer)	$22 87	
Received from Swansea Monthly Meeting . .	7 59	
“ “ Falmouth “ “ . .	3 00	
“ “ Providence “ “ . .	3 00	
“ “ Westport “ “ . .	2 00	
“ “ Rhode Island “ “ . .	2 70	
“ “ Amesbury “ “ . .	5 50	
“ “ Uxbridge “ “ . .	10 00	
“ “ Salem “ “ . .	4 00	
“ “ Boston “ “ . .	1 62	
“ “ Samuel R. Buffinton	12 00	
		$74 28

EXPENDITURES.

6th Mo., 1893.		
Expenses at Portland	$12 20	
Check to H. J. Bailey	27 87	
Advertising	12 00	
6th Mo. 8th, 1894.		
Balance on hand	22 21	
		$74 28

20. The report of the Committee on Gospel Work was read.

We have realized the magnitude of the work, second to none in which we are engaged, and thankfully acknowledge the help that has been extended to those who have labored earnestly and faithfully, oftentimes under discouraging circumstances in the prosecution of the work. We appoint Ellwood Macomber, Phebe S. Aydelott, Alice W. Maxfield, Benjamin F. Trueblood, Ruth S. Murray, John B. Baylies, John J. Frye, Sarah W. Newlin, Deborah P. Atherton, D. Wheeler Swift, Alfred H. Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, Anna M. Hussey, John H. Osborne, Joseph E. Briggs, Mary W. Jones, John B. Cartland, and Melissa S. Dearborne, to consider a proposition made by Benjamin F. Trueblood, for the formation of a Church Extension Board; also, if they deem it advisable, to present at a future sitting the names of Friends for a Committee on Gospel Work, the superintendent to work in direct connection with the Yearly Meeting, and the committee to consist of one Friend from each Quarterly Meeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK FOR 1894.

DEAR FRIENDS:

The Committee continued from last year has endeavored to prosecute the work committed to us, under a deep sense of its importance, and we wish, first of all, to acknowledge the guidance and loving kindness of our heavenly Father, who has given us grace and strength to carry it forward. With deep thankfulness to the Lord of the harvest, we again record for your encouragement the blessing he has permitted to fall upon the work you appointed us to foster and encourage.

We have had before us very prayerfully, and with deep concern, the spiritual condition of our Yearly Meeting, the importance and responsibility of which is greatly increased, because of the numbers converted to God, and renewed in spiritual life the last year. Their need of pastoral care, to give them teaching, sympathy, and tender, loving encouragement, requires the united, sympathetic, zealous, persevering exercise of all the pastoral gifts the Lord has bestowed upon our members.

We think there should be systematic visitation of families and individuals, frequent religious conversations by the spiritually minded with the newly converted and renewed, regular visitations of Meetings, by ministers and other Gospel workers, especially Meetings without resident ministers, and when practicable, special meetings held. In going from place to place, a very hopeful omen for good has been that the Meetings, almost without exception, were so conscious of their need of greater life that they expressed a desire for revival services. We should have held revival meetings with more of them, but we could not get the workers and the means.

In many places very rich spiritual prosperity has attended the church, and we wish that the richest blessings that have come upon any of our Meetings had come upon all of them. As heretofore it has been our aim to keep ourselves in constant communication with our Quarterly Meetings, and the work carried on by them. In all this work perfect harmony has characterized our labors, with little exception, so that with humble gratitude we report, not only deep love and unity prevailing, but a good degree of agreement in judgment as to all the vital interests of the church. From the reports received, we take the following extracts and compile the following statistics: —

Rhode Island Quarter, Henry C. Aydelott, Superintendent. Number of Meetings in this Quarter twelve; number visited five. No series of Meetings held the past year. Some special work has been done. Some Meetings supplied in absence of regular ministry. One Meeting supplied with Pastor, and good unity and interest prevails. One Meeting at present supplied with ministry. Another Meeting needs most of all a lively ministry, and two more Meetings could be built up in that section. Another Meeting has outgrown its present limits, the large part of the house which had been closed for more than fifty years has been put in order. Several conversions reported and good interest generally prevails.

Salem Quarter, C. H. Atkins, Superintendent. Number of Meetings eleven. Nearly all have had some special work done in them, resulting in conversions, renewals, and general strengthening of membership. One Meeting feels its special need is the ministry of the Word. Some have a self-supported pastorate in general oversight of the flock. Families are visited, and the newly awakened encouraged.

Sandwich Quarter, William P. Macomber, Superintendent. Work has been done which would have shown good interest in the cause, but for want of reports. Spiritual life is reviving in some sections of the Quarterly Meeting. One Meeting that has been very much discouraged has been somewhat revived, and new life appears. Several of the Meetings have been visited by some members of the Committee. Two Meetings supplied with a Pastor in good unity and satisfaction. Other Meetings, could they have a general awakening, might be saved.

Falmouth Quarter. H. F. Newell, Superintendent. Number of Meetings, six. All but one supplied with Ministry, but if it could be exchanged in some cases it would be much more useful. Four Meetings have had revivals to some profit. Marquis L. Thomas and Brother Sangster held a revival meeting at South Durham. There were some conversions and renewals. Marquis L. Thomas and Henry Newell and wife held a series of twenty meetings at Windham to some profit. About seventy professed conversions are reported in this Quarter the last year. A good degree of life and interest in all their Meetings. Nearly all the families visited. Several professed to have entered into the experience of Holiness, and some have been renewed.

Smithfield Quarter, Salome C. Wheeler, Superintendent. Number of Meetings, seven. Fifty-four Meetings of a revival character have been held. James M. Estes and wife held Meetings at Northbridge, Bolton, and Woonsocket, and visited other Meetings and the families to good satisfaction. The Lord blessed their labors with conversions and renewals. One Meeting is supplied with a pastor. The Meeting at Worcester has a marked missionary spirit among its members that gives our cause much promise.

Vassalboro Quarter, Frank E. Jones, Superintendent. This Quarterly Meeting has had a wonderful visitation of Divine mercy and power. Jesus of Nazareth has not only passed through but has performed many mighty acts of tender love in calling back many who had wandered from Him. Many more have been quickened and made alive who were dead in trespasses and sins, and are to-day rejoicing in a loving and precious Redeemer. Our dear friends, S. N. Jacob and Annie Ray, drawn to the work by the Father's love, opened a series of Meetings at the Pond Meeting-House, in China, which continued six weeks. They visited families in the daytime, and held Meetings in the evenings. As the Meetings advanced the power came down, and seventeen wanderers were reclaimed and thirty-three professed conversion, several of them past middle life. They also held Meetings, by invitation, in the Grand Army Hall, South China, with good results. Twelve professed conversions, several of them of the army post. About the same time James M. Estes opened Meetings in the eastern part of China, which continued three and one-half weeks, resulting in thirty professed conversions and seventeen renewals. Meetings have also been held at Branch Mills, East Vassalboro, and Brooks. The interest in all the Meetings is good. Four of the eight Meetings in this Quarter are greatly in need of pastoral care so that the work may be followed up.

One Meeting has been almost without any ministry a great part of the time, and much of the time wholly neglected. The great awakening in China is thought to be due to one woman who has spent much time in prayer and supplication before the Lord for two years.

Dover Quarter, E. H. Tuttle, Superintendent. Number of Meetings in this Quarter, five. No series of Meetings has been held during the year.

Some family-visiting has been done. and some extra Meetings held. Some of the Meetings are encouraged by persons coming in that have not done so before.

Fairfield Quarter, Lizzie A. Church, Superintendent. Number of Meetings, seven. Regular preaching at three other places, with frequent conversions. Five series of Meetings have been held at West Gardiner, Manchester, Sidney, Fairfield, and Hallowell. Frank H. Jones and Marquis L. Thomas, assisted by the Quarterly Meeting Superintendent, held in all one hundred and eighty-eight Meetings, visiting families between Meetings. The Lord blessed the work. Hardened sinners melted into penitence and sought the Lord. Backsliders were reclaimed, old family feuds settled, and whole communities felt the power of the Meetings. The Church is much encouraged, and in some places the attendance at the Meetings has more than doubled. Two of these places are suffering for the want of pastoral care. A number have requested membership.

Parsonsfield Quarter, Phebe L. Pope, Superintendent. Number of Meetings, four. Some extra Meetings have been held and families visited, but no special revival.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

Number of Meetings visited	48
Series of Meetings	36
Meetings comprising them	699
Families visited	727
Meetings without continuous service	25
Number of professed conversions	517
" " renewals	122
Bible Readings	Not reported
Children's Meetings	Not reported
One Quarter reports	Requests 30

Several professions of Holiness reported.

The General Superintendent has endeavored to give push and energy to this work, lending such help as he could. He has devoted two hundred and thirty days to the work, holding revivals, preaching and helping where revivals were in progress, looking after the finances (*which was a necessity*), and stirring up the Church in our important work. No Meeting has been visited by the General Superintendent more than once with two exceptions. One Meeting in Vassalboro Quarter has been visited three times, and one in Falmouth Quarter twice.

There has been expended for Gospel work in the Yearly Meeting through the Committee	$1,092 49
In addition to this, China Monthly Meeting has raised and expended for Gospel work within its own limits	100 00
Vassalboro	50 00
And there has been expended for Pastoral work within the Yearly Meeting	3,600 00
In all for Evangelistic and Pastoral work	$4,842 49

Several Meetings have raised and expended means not reported to us. We have had sometimes ten workers in the field at once, and as far as we know have given general satisfaction.

In closing we can say, our report is far from what we wish it was, but for what has been done, we desire all praise to be given to Him, through whom we have obtained this great salvation, praying that light and strength may be given that the church may do with this work what is best, so that under the blessing of the Lord a people may be taken from among the Gentiles for His name.

The Committee recommend that the work be carried on under the care of a Committee, and that the Yearly Meeting appropriate for the use of the Committee $2,000.

General Superintendent's Financial Statement.

Received from Treasurer	$630 13	
" from Friends in Worcester for the work,	60 00	
" " other sources	10 00	
Total amount received		$700 13

DISBURSEMENTS.

For work done by General Superintendent	$300 00	
Disbursed to other workers under the direction of the Committee	235 00	
Railroad fares for Superintendent and others	120 50	
Incidentals	44 63	
Total disbursements		$700 13

By direction and on behalf of the Committee,

D. J. DOUGLAS, *General Superintendent.*
HARRIETTE D. COLLINS, *Secretary.*

CONDENSED REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

Expenditures.

To cash expenses incurred for Gospel Work	$1,072 89	
Sixth Month 8th, to cash expenses incurred for Gospel Work	19 60	
		$1,092 49
Amount paid Superintendent	$630 13	
Paid others by order of Superintendent	462 36	
Total		$1,092 49

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at three o'clock.

AFTERNOON, SIXTH MONTH 9TH.

Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

21. Read the Epistles from Ramallah Monthly Meeting.

22. The Committee on Foreign Missions have made their report, which is satisfactory, and is adopted.

In considering this report, supplemented as it has been by verbal accounts from our friends so recently returned from the Mission at Ramallah, it has brought the work at that place freshly before us, and a new impetus is given to efforts for the civilizing of the people in that land where the

> "Holiest of memories pilgrim-like throng."

We appoint Daniel C. Maxfield, Lucy R. Goddard, Henry C. Aydelott, Almira B. Buffum, Thomas Wood, Alice W. Hawkes, Mary W. Jones, Lizzie M. Hawkes, and Susan F. Hoxie to present the names of Friends for a Foreign Mission Committee for the ensuing year.

REPORT OF THE ELI AND SYBIL JONES MISSION.

TO THE YEARLY COMMITTEE:

The Committee on Foreign Missions present to the Yearly Meeting the following report of the work at Ramallah.

In presenting to you at this time a report of our work during the past year, we would commemorate the goodness of our heavenly Father in watching over the Mission established in His name on the Hills of Judea. The exigencies of the work and the need of increased accommodations at the Mission House at Ramallah seemed to indicate the need of some personal supervision on the part of the Committee.

Our friends, Timothy and Anna Hussey, were appointed to visit Ramallah and see what could be done to further the work and strengthen the hands of our beloved and honored Superintendent. They felt the responsibility was too great for any two persons to assume, and by the advice of the Committee invited William and Susan T. Thompson to accompany them and share the burden. These friends cheerfully consented and the party of four started in First Month for their distant field.

We feel that the thanks of the Committee are due to these friends who were willing to take this long journey at their own expense, and devote so much time and labor to this interesting work.

On their arrival at Ramallah they found some needed changes, repairs, and improvements necessary for the comfort of the inmates of the Home, and immediately set at work to supply the deficiencies.

The large balcony at the south end of the building was originally floored over with lime mortar, and being in such constant use for airing bedding, drying clothes, and spreading grapes in the season of raisin making, it was found the mortar worked up badly in washing, and also began to leak, which would soon seriously damage the ceiling of the large portico below. It was thought best to remove all the lime and restore the floor with flat stones laid in good cement, which was done, making a substantial improvement.

Twelve new double desks for the Training Home girls were built of modern style with lids hinged to open, and the old ones removed to one of the newly opened day schools.

A flat stone walk four feet wide, bordered with trimmed edgestones was laid some two hundred feet in length, for the accommodation of the girls in the north yard.

The trees on the premises, of which we have sixteen kinds now bearing fruit. and five or six kinds of ornamental, were carefully trimmed, and will be of great value to the Mission both for their fruit and beauty.

In looking to the future development of the work, and especially to the needs of the new Training Home when built, it was felt that the supply of water would be quite inadequate to the largely increasing demand. A low portion of back ground on the northwesterly corner of the Mission land was selected on which an excavation was made for a cistern estimated to hold one hundred thousand gallons of water. This large cistern now about completed will be of almost inestimable value in this thirsty land.

Plans for the new Training Home have been put into the hands of our American Consul at Jerusalem who will present the matter to the local authorities and take the necessary steps to procure a "firman" from Constantinople for the erection of the new building.

The accompanying report of the work of the year was received from our Secretary at Ramallah.

The year past has been one of varying exigencies, but through all we are thankful to our heavenly Father for his watchful care and upholding power.

The various departments of the work have all been carried on as usual. The Training Home contains twenty-one girls from eight to sixteen years of age. These are divided into three classes. There are nine in the first class, some of whom have been here several years and are now being trained as teachers. Beside their lessons in the Home they act in turn as assistants at the girls' day school, and have a very good opportunity for practice. All the girls in the Home are not only taught in the school but have practical lessons in house-work, sewing, mending, etc., and every duty has to be completely finished before another is undertaken. The thoroughness of the teaching in every way is admirable. At the school examination at the end of the winter term the girls proved to be well versed in Scripture history, and they can repeat several chapters of the Bible. The exercises in arithmetic and geography and the Arabic reading and grammar were also satisfactory. In the evening there were some general exercises, and one girl repeated in English a nice little speech of gratitude to Friends and others in New England and elsewhere who were doing so much for them. Several persons, who have visited this school and others in Jerusalem, say that there is not one that exceeds ours in order and general excellence. A Mohammedan visitor especially spoke in very high terms of the character of the teaching here. This work will tell wherever these girls may be for it is the earnest wish of all those who are engaged in it that they should go out from here as *Christian* women, trained to help others to come to Christ and to live for Him on earth.

They carry on a Peace meeting among themselves in which the proceedings are in English and parliamentary forms duly observed. Every girl repeats a text of Scripture in English when the roll is called, and they *practice* peace as well as *talk* about it. They have a literary society, too, called the "Dawn of Day," which meets once a month and has a paper named the "Carrier Dove," the illustrated titlepage whereof does credit to the society.

The Training Home and the general work here owe much of their usefulness to our efficient Superintendent and teachers; the former, by her care over the whole establishment, ensures that the aid sent is wisely and prudently used, and the latter are well trained for their especial work, and are very willing for any service that is called for. The one need of interpreting requires much of their time, for nearly every caller or workman must have their assistance. The kind and willing manner in which they thus help H. H. Leighton and others is most admirable. Katie Gabriel is a pillar of strength to the Mission, as she has been for some years, and Martha Nusr's bright cheerfulness is very helpful.

The Girls' Day School numbers over fifty, and is well carried on by the very efficient teacher, Julia Mokadsy. She has an unusual power of attracting and teaching these little children. Beside their other studies they are surprisingly proficient in Scripture, and are taught not only the letter, but the spirit of it, that they may practice in their homes the lessons they learn in school.

There is a Boys' School also, taught by Mualim Ibrahim; its numbers have been much reduced by the establishment of a Greek School, but we hope to improve it so much that we may not only hold the present scholars but attract more.

The First-day Meetings have been well attended, the children from the Training Home and Girls' and Boys' Day Schools forming quite a portion of those present. The First-day School has been large and interesting, and is a very encouraging feature of the work.

The Monthly Meetings have been regularly held, and the business conducted with much order. The members have been caring for some of the needy among their own number this winter, and the overseers have brought forward the cases, and administered the relief in due form.

Three Mothers' Meetings are held every week in different parts of the village, and the women listen intently to the simple Gospel teachings, plainly and clearly given by our Bible Reader, Emily Audi. The poor women need the comfort and help that they can obtain this way, for their lives are full of weary toil. They bring their babies, their sewing, and their baskets of wheat to pick over and prepare for grinding in hand mills. But there is time for earnest talk, and one or another will linger after the others have gone to tell of needs, and ask about the Saviour's love.

The Medical Department has been carried on as usual. Forty-one villages have been visited and one hundred and forty-eight days devoted to meeting the patients at the dispensary. Three thousand and fifty-one patients have come to the Dispensary, and eleven hundred and forty-two have been visited in their homes. Three hundred and seventy-one surgical operations have been performed, and two thousand eight hundred and forty-nine prescriptions prepared. Some of the calls have come from a long distance, the farthest requiring a journey of five hours and a half, and some poor sufferers have come several miles to get relief.

A branch school for girls at Jiffneh, supported by Baltimore Friends, has been successfully carried on, and we have it in prospect to establish other schools in this village, at Taiyibeh, and perhaps other places, as there seems need. Our difficulty has been to find suitable teachers, but we hope there is a prospect that these may be obtained.

At Christmas time there were some exercises as usual, a tree was decorated, and the children's hearts made happy by such gifts as were provided. The boxes brought by our friends of the Committee contained a good provision for another year, as well as much material for use in the Home, all of which was very gratefully received.

We have had some very acceptable visits from English and American travellers. Their commendation of the school and the Home have quite cheered our hearts, and one gentleman left a contribution, especially for a picnic for the children, which gave them a great deal of pleasure.

On behalf of the Committee,

SUSAN T. THOMPSON, *Secretary.*

Three thousand dollars requested through the envelope system.

NOTE.— The lengthy itemized account of the Treasurer, vouched for by Olney T. Meader, Auditor, will be printed in full, with the report of the Mission, both of which can be had by addressing William T. Hussey, Treasurer, North Berwick, Me.

23. The Committee on Western Indians have presented their report, which is interesting and satisfactory, showing that much efficient work has been accomplished during the year.

The Committee already appointed to nominate a Committee on Foreign Missions is requested also to present nominations for a Committee on Western Indians.

In connection with the report, it is concluded that two or three Friends, to be selected by the clerks, be appointed to proceed to Washington to make certain proper efforts to prevent the withdrawal of the reserve appropriated by Congress for the expenses of the Indian Commissioners, and to use such other influence as they may be able to do for the benefit of the Indians.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

The work under the care of Friends in Indian and Oklahoma Territories has met with a serious loss in the death of our valued superintendent, Dr. Charles W. Kirk, who passed to his eternal home last Ninth Month. His wife, who had long been associated with him in his work among the Indians, consented to act in that capacity, until a suitable Friend could be found to take the position. Rachel Kirk has done well, the work has been carried on the same line as heretofore. In this we are reminded that God removes His workers yet carries on His work.

From a report of the Associated Executive Committee, we find that one preparative and two particular meetings have been added the past year, making in all, four monthly, twelve preparative, and twenty-one particular meetings, besides several out-stations where meetings are sometimes held. A number of series of Meetings are reported in different localities attended by many professed conversions, and considerable accessions to the membership of some Meetings. The total membership is nine hundred and thirty-six, of whom four hundred and sixteen are Indians. The net increase for the year has been seven Indian members and one hundred and twenty Whites. The large increase of white members is due to the great immigration of white people to the Territory within two years. Two meeting houses are now greatly needed, — one at Miami City, for which five hundred dollars is required, and another where Oak Grove Meeting is held. The former has the more pressing claim upon us. Fifty members of this Meeting beg for a meeting house; they are very poor, but excellent Christians. At Oak Grove the Meeting is held in a school-house so small that only one half of those who attend can get into it, and many who do are obliged to stand. If two hundred dollars can be raised toward this building, the members offer to furnish the rest, put up a house thirty-two by forty-eight feet and seal it.

The Modoc Mission is under the care of Philander Blackledge. In a letter received from his wife, she says, " The dear Lord does bless us in our work, and has given us the hearts of the people. We have very efficient help in the Indians, indeed they are very far ahead of the Whites here in spirituality." The members of the Modoc Meeting are coming forward in the ministry. Their missionaries also hold meetings in the home of Charles Bluejacket, Jr. (a Shawnee Indian, four miles away), with increased interest.

The Ottawa Meetings now number one hundred and four members, fifty-six of whom are Indians. Robert W. Hodson, a young man described as an indefatigable Christian worker, with a frail body, has the oversight of the flock here, and at Miami City. The Committee has paid one half of his support the past year. In correspondence with him, we found everything about the Mission Home very much out of repair. The school-house had been abandoned, as unfit for use, and there was a prospect of a young man, an infidel and a whiskey drinker, being appointed teacher of the school. Robert Hodson thought if such a person was to teach the school, six days in the week, he might as well leave the field. Accordingly he offered to teach the school in connection with his other duties. The school was commenced in the meeting house, but very soon he had the old school-house moved, put on a solid foundation, and generally repaired, and now the school is taught in it. Sixty-one scholars have been enrolled. He charges sixty-five cents a month for those who are able to pay, and uses the amount received in repairing the buildings. He writes that God is wonderfully blessing him, that on Christmas eve, while he was preaching, God sent the power down, and ten professed conversion in different parts of the house. The hearts of the people were so touched, that he continued the meetings two weeks, and many were converted, and several renewed in spirit. An earnest Christian Endeavor Meeting is organized here. At one time these Endeavorers went to a poor afflicted man's home, taking provisions and money, and had a prayer meeting with him, which resulted in his conversion.

Seneca and Wyandotte Meetings continue in a healthy condition, and a growth in the members is apparent.

Skiatook Mission is still under the care of John M. Watson; his daughter Eva has charge of the school the same as last year.

The Meeting has been kept up at Shawneetown, the home of the late Dr. Kirk, and where his widow still lives; it numbers sixty-three members, more than two thirds of whom are Indians.

William Neal, whose home is in Tecumseh, a few miles distant, attends this Meeting. Three Indian members have been added during the year. The boarding-school at the Mexican Kickapoo Station still continues. At one time during the past year, the funds of the school were exhausted, and the danger seemed imminent, at one time, of the children having to be sent to camp life, with its tempations, but money was collected in various ways, sufficient to tide the school over its immediate difficulties.

The work among the wilder tribes in Oklahoma Territory has prospered as well as could be expected. The allotment of lands in severalty to Indians who are prepared for it is a blessing, but to those who know nothing about civilization, it is a draw-back, unless a missionary is arduously at work among them. The average white settler is not an admirer of Indian character, nor is the Indian in favor of *him*,— a condition usually to the detriment of the Indian. Taxing the present property of the Indians has proved a snare to fetter rather than to help them. When they consented to take allotment in severalty, it was with the understanding that they should have twenty-five years in which to prepare themselves for full citizenship. While the treaties exempted their allotments from taxation they were silent on personal property. The Oklahoma authorities, in their greed for revenue, decided to tax the Indians, not only on their personal property, but on their improvements, such as building fences, ploughed ground, wells of water, etc. And not satisfied with that, the property was valued at more than double that of like property owned by white men. This has resulted in driving many of the Indians to the Creek, Seminole, and Cherokee Nations. Many of those remaining are disposing of their personal property, and, in a discouraged condition at their unfair treatment, resolve to live in idleness. The matter of illegal taxation was brought to the attention of the Indian Office, and the opinion of the Attorney-General showed conclusively that improvements were a part of the realty, and that such a tax could not be imposed upon an allottee. Yet the county officials persist in collecting taxes, although notified of the decision at Washington.

The training school at Chiloeco, Oklahoma Territory, is under the care of Benjamin S. Coppock, a Friend, and stands among the first of Government schools. White's Industrial School at Wabash, Ind., has done excellent work the past year. Twenty-seven Indian boys and thirty-nine Indian girls have been in attendance. The religious condition of the school is increasing, many of the pupils having made a profession of religion. They have a Christian Endeavor Society of fifty-three members, which has done much to secure steadfastness among its members.

A very interesting account of the influence of a pupil of one of our Friend teachers comes to us. The young Indian became a Christian while at school, the change in his life being apparent to all about him; his education was cut short by failing health, and he died soon after returning home; the bond between the young man and his father was very great, each being full of love for the other. The young man was anxious that his father should become a Christian, and exacted a promise from him, to live according to Christ's teachings as made known to them. Time passed by; a new and strange belief, the Ghost dance, came among the Indians; almost all their influential men joined the new party, but all his old comrades' influence were unsuccessful in inducing Big Nose, the boy's father, to go with them. A number of his old associates, in trying to win him to their side, drew from him the following: "You know my son, who went away to school and came back and died; he did not live long, but he told me all about what he had learned of the white man's God, and before he died, he said, 'I am going to die soon, I am not afraid to die, I am going to

Heaven to be with God, and, O father, I want you to promise me that you will live as I have told you, and then we will meet again in Heaven.' I believed my son, and I promised him; I am an old man now, not much longer to live. No, my friends, I cannot go with you." Big Nose remained firm, lived a Christian life, and died in triumphant faith.

It means a good deal to teach those who come to us in moccasins and blankets the elements of industrial training, that shall show them how to live rightly and enable them to do it. But above all, in all, and through all, is the Gospel of Christ, which is the power of God, to their salvation. Perhaps no Mission to the Heathen have been more blessed than many of these to the wild painted savages. Thousands who were barbarians in heart and in deed are now true disciples of Christ, the wilderness and solitary place being made glad for them. The missionaries among them behold the time when God will make for them a way, even a highway.

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $4,000. We recommend that $525 be appropriated. We also ask that the treasury of our committee be replenished, not only by a collection in our Yearly Meeting, but by efforts made in all our Monthly Meetings, bringing up the amount to $1,000.

For the Committee,

MYRA E. FRYE, *Secretary.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 9th, 1894.

SIXTH MONTH 7TH, 1894.

Treasurer's Report of Committee on Western Indians: —

Balance from last year		$ 58 75
Received from collection at Portland Yearly Meeting . .		116 60
Total from Monthly Meeting Treasurers		$252 65
Received from Isaac Sharp, of England	$25 00	
“ “ Allen's Neck Bible School . . .	11 00	
“ “ Amesbury “ “	6 06	
“ “ Worcester “ “	10 00	
“ “ Manchester, Me.	1 00	
“ “ New Bedford Indian Association . .	25 00	
‘ “ John B. Baylies, New Bedford . .	5 00	
“ “ Friends in New Bedford, by E. T. Tucker,	25 00	
“ “ West Falmouth, Mass., by Huldah Gifford,	10 00	
“ “ Charles W. Earle, collection . .	2 50	
		120 56
Total receipts		$548 56

Expenditures.

Paid deficit of Yearly Meeting, apportionment	$ 75 00
" for support of R. W. Hodson	228 50
" donation to R. W. Hodson	40 00
" " to John F. Mardock	50 00
" " to Mexican Kickapoo Boarding School	65 00
" for support of R. W. Hodson	85 00
Balance now on hand	5 06
Total	$548 56

SAMUEL BUFFUM,
Treasurer of the Committee.

24. The Committee to Nominate the Providence Boarding School Committee presented their report, which is approved, the appointment is made, and the names will appear later.

25. The Representatives are requested to consider the following subjects, found in the accounts from the Quarterly Meeting, viz.: —

From Salem — " Feeling that the requirement of the Yearly Meeting, as stated in a Minute sent down in 1893, directing that Monthly Meetings report definitely the number of members who are not in the daily practice of reading the Holy Scriptures, has not proved in its practical working to be wise or beneficial, we respectfully request the Yearly Meeting to reconsider its action in the matter."

From Smithfield —" This meeting is united in requesting the Yearly Meeting to insert in our 'Book of Discipline' a brief statement of our doctrinal views on the subjects of Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper, so called, that those who may be seeking membership with us may find the Scriptural reason referred to by our early Friends that all outward ordinances, so called, were fulfilled and ended in Christ. We are also united in requesting that the Yearly Meeting state more definitely in the Discipline, the duties of Monthly Meetings as regards the expenses of Friends travelling in the ministry, both our own members and those belonging to other Yearly Meetings."

Also to consider and report upon the suggestion of Robert P. Gifford in reference to the appointment of Representatives, etc.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10.30 o'clock.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 11TH.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment, in joint session.

26. We have in attendance with us this morning, our Friends William Thomas Willis, a Minister, with his wife, Maria T. Willis, an Elder, with credentials from Marlboro Monthly Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting.

27. Epistles have been read from our Friends of Ohio and Kansas Yearly Meetings.

28. Our several Quarterly Meetings have forwarded tables of statistics, which have been summarized as follows, viz. : —

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE YEARLY MEETING,

From Third Month 1st, 1893, to Third Month 1st, 1894.

STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.												STATISTICS OF CHILDREN.				
Number reported last year.	Error in last year's report. Gain.	Error in last year's report. Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number of members.	Number of children between 4 and 21.	Number of children between 12 and 21.	Number attending school.	Number attending school taught or controlled by Friends.	Number attending school taught or controlled by Friends, between 12 and 21.
4335		15	37	86	47	51	152	46	65	25	4376	655	361	415	85	62

Number of Ministers	118
Number of Elders	246
Number of Associate Members	184

NAMES OF MINISTERS (Deceased).	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE IN YEARS, Or in what year of his age.
Thomas Grover	Fifth Month 7th, 1893.	Eighty-seventh.
Charity G. Chase	Twelfth Month 13th, 1893.	Seventy-eighth.
Lavina G. Huntington . .	Fourth Month 10th, 1894.	Fifty-ninth.

Names of Elders (Deceased).	Date of Death.	Age in Years, Or in what year of his age.
Hannah A. Brightman . .	Sixth Month 20th, 1893.	Fiftieth.
Eliza A. Taber	Ninth Month 17th, 1893.	Sixty-third.
David B. Wheeler	Tenth Month 14th, 1893.	Seventy-first.
Hezekiah Binns	Second Month 8th, 1894.	Forty-seventh.
Rhoda H. Buffinton . . .	Second Month 27th, 1894.	Eighty-fourth.
Ephraim Gifford	Third Month 13th, 1894.	Eighty-third.

Note.—The Report from the Quarterly Meeting, properly filled out, should be sent to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, on or before the first day of the Sixth Month.

29. The Committee on income of the H. H. Mosher Fund presented their Annual Report which is satisfactory and the same Committee is continued with the addition of Samuel Buffum. Names of Committee, Alfred H. Jones, Esther Jones, J. Ellwood Paige, Ruth S. Murray, Sarah Marble, I. Warren Hawkes, Susan Peckham, and Samuel Buffum.

30. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor presented their Annual Report which is satisfactory and encouraging, and we desire for our young Friends that their work may go on in yet greater power and that the influence upon the Church as expressed in their motto may be more and more apparent.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

To New England Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends,—In this our third Annual Report we would acknowledge with deep feelings of gratitude the continued blessing of our Heavenly Father, praising Him for the definite results with which He has crowned our efforts.

Through the influence and personal attention of our organizer, Frank E. Jones, six new societies have been formed as follows, viz.:—Salem, West Gardiner, Palermo, Manchester, Pond Meeting House at South China, and Fairfield. These add to our membership about one hundred and seventy-five members, making a total of 658 Active and 132 Associate. From those not already Friends forty-one requests for membership have been received.

We are glad to report the addition of live Junior societies, — one at Woonsocket and the other at Portland. This department of our work deserves more earnest attention than it has received in the past. In the societies already formed some remarkable instances of the earnest Christian devotion of children may be recorded.

Much has been accomplished during the year in awakening an interest in Missions. Several societies are now contributing regularly to the support of the work among the Indians, and doubtless others will soon follow their example. We hope the interest may soon become so general that each society in our Union may aid in this most worthy cause. In some sections our young people have been quite active in helping to support revival services. In one place a Mission Sabbath School is conducted largely by Endeavorers.

As we approach the future in this noble work it is with a prayer that Divine guidance and blessing may attend every effort for Christ and the Church.

LINDLEY M. BINFORD, *President.*
HARRIETT E. McLEAN, *Secretary.*

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

Afternoon, Sixth Month 11th.

Friends met in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

31. The report of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance, through its Secretary, has been read and approved.

The consideration of this important subject has resulted in the conclusion to recommend that Treasurers of Monthly Meetings, upon receipt of information of the amounts needed for the several objects for which money is raised, ascertain the sums which their respective Meetings should pay, based on the regular percentage of Yearly Meeting Stock, thus furnishing their Finance Committee with data as to the minimum amounts required; and Monthly Meeting Finance Committees are encouraged to press the claims of these various objects upon our members and receive their offerings in such way as they may elect, preferably through the envelope system now in use.

And it is hereby directed that an appropriation of fifty dollars be made for the use of the Secretary of the Finance Committee in the prosecution of her duties.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE MONTHLY MEETINGS TOWARDS BENEVOLENT OBJECTS OF THE YEARLY MEETING AS REPORTED TO PHEBE S. AYDELOTT, FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

(NOTE.) Some contributions came in after this Report was made up.

MONLHLY MEETINGS.	Gospel Work.	Foreign Missions.	Western Indians.	Freedmen.	Bible School Work.	Temperance.	Education.	Peace.	Totals.
RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING.									
Rhode Island	$14 45	–	$23 40	$11 47	$2 65	$3 15	–	$2 70	$57 82
Greenwich									
Swansea	99 65	$92 43	25 23	20 70	6 65	20 14	$3 93	7 59	276 32
Providence	3 25	23 50	15 50	38 03	3 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	94 28
South Kingston	1 30	2 50	5 25	–	–	1 55	–	–	10 60
SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING.									
Salem	$67 75	$44 10	$28 52	$9 45	$4 45	$9 90	$4 00	$4 00	$172 17
Amesbury	11 00	1 50	4 75	2 00	3 00	8 00	–	5 50	35 75
Weare	3 00	4 25	4 25	2 25	–	3 00	–	–	16 75
Boston	–	–	–	–	2 82	–	–	1 62	4 44
SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING.									
Sandwich, Mass.	–	$25 00	$25 00	$32 00	–	–	–	–	$82 00
Dartmouth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Westport	$9 00	10 00	10 00	2 00	–	$3 00	–	$2 00	36 00
New Bedford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
FALMOUTH QUARTERLY MEETING.									
Falmouth	$7 75	$7 50	$16 00	–	–	–	$2 00	$3 00	$36 25
Durham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Windham	75	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	75
Lewiston	5 00	5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	10 00
SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.									
Smithfield	$5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$5 00
Uxbridge	91 00	$128 00	$92 00	$63 00	$10 00	$10 00	–	$10 00	404 00
Bolton	15 10	4 00	50	–	50	–	–	–	20 10
VASSALBORO QUARTERLY MEETING.									
Vassalboro	$10 25	–	$ 25	–	$ 25	$1 50	–	–	$12 25
China	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Unity	5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5 00
Maple Grove	1 45	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	3 45
DOVER QUARTERLY MEETING.									
Dover	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Berwick	–	$3 00	$2 00	–	–	–	–	–	$5 00

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting.									
Sidney........ ...	–	$5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	$5 00
Winthrop..........	$15 75	–	–	$3 00	–	$24 35	–	–	43 10
St. Albans....... .	–	4 75	–	–	–	1 09	–	–	5 84
Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting.									
Sandwich, N. H....	$10 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$10 00
Parsonsfield........	–	$14 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	14 00
Totals	$376 45	$376 53	$252 65	$183 90	$33 32	$90 68	$12 93	$39 41	$1,365 87
Reported last year,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,022 91
Decrease in Col't'ns	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$657 04

32. The epistle from London Yearly Meeting for 1894 was read.

33. The Committee for that purpose presented nominations for a Committee on Western Indians which is satisfactory and they are appointed.

34. The Committee for that purpose recommend the following Committee on Foreign Missions which is satisfactory and they are appointed.

This Committee to be supplemented by an auxiliary to be nominated by the Representatives.

35. The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Gospel Work and of a Church Extension Board presented their report.

That portion relating to the Gospel Work is approved, and the appointments accordingly made, viz.: —

As for the Gospel Work we propose that, for the present, the office of General Superintendent be dropped and the Gospel Committee be composed of a Superintendent for each Quarterly Meeting and three members of the Yearly Meeting at large.

We propose that the following persons constitute the Committee for the coming year, viz.: —

COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

ORGANIZATION.

Chairman, David J. Douglas.
Secretary, Harriette D. Collins.
Treasurer, Joseph E. Briggs.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents.

RHODE ISLAND, Phebe S. Aydelott.
SALEM, J. Ellwood Paige.
SANDWICH, William P. Macomber.
FALMOUTH, Henry F. Newell.
SMITHFIELD, Salome C. Wheeler.
VASSALBORO, James M. Estes.
DOVER, Emeline H. Tuttle.
FAIRFIELD, Jesse McPherson.
PARSONSFIELD, Silas H. Cartland.

At large.

Joseph E. Briggs.
Harriette D. Collins.
David J. Douglas.

36. The recommendation in regard to Church Extension has claimed our careful and prayerful consideration and with a little amendment is adopted and the various appointments are confirmed, viz. : —

We are united in recommending that a board of twelve members, taken from the Yearly Meeting at large, one third of whom shall be chosen each year, be appointed to have charge of the general work of Church Extension.

The duty of this Board shall be to help small Meetings in the development of their work into new fields, to assist in building new houses of worship, and to promote in any other way consistent with our principles that may commend itself to their judgment, the spread of Christ's kingdom within and about their limits.

We recommend also that three trustees be appointed, one of whom shall be chosen each year, who shall have the care of any permanent funds that may be given for the promotion of this Church Extension work.

Church Extension Board met at Newport, Sixth Month 12th, 1894, and organized as follows: —

Chairman,	BENJAMIN F. TRUEBLOOD.
Secretary,	GEORGE L. CROSMAN.
Treasurer,	THOMAS WOOD.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

For one year.

Charles A. Chace.
Anna M. Gove.
George L. Crosman.
Sarah W. Newlin.

For two years.

Thomas Wood.
Timothy B. Hussey.
John J. Frye.
Melvin M. Bailey.

For three years.

Charles M. Bailey.
Joseph E. Briggs.
Phebe S. Aydelott.
Benjamin F. Trueblood.

Trustees.

Olney T. Meader, *one year.*
D. Wheeler Swift, *two years.*
Samuel Buffum, *three years.*

37. The Committee on Freedmen presented their Report including that of the principal of Maryville Institute, which is approved, and the needs of that institution have claimed our attention.

A surplus of $75 received on the Bible School account is appropriated to the use of the Freedmen's Committee.

The request for an appropriation of $500 is referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee is continued with the addition of George A. Barton and Susan F. Hoxie.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The attendance at Maryville School has been larger than usual for the year past, the number enrolled exceeding that of the year previous by forty-seven, and the number of graduates were ten more.

With the limited capacity of our buildings and the continued poor accommodations which our small means compel us to offer, the enrolment of two hundred and sixty-six and eighty-seven per cent of attendance presents to us not only surprise, but serious reflection. We have not been favored as yet to receive the much-needed income from the investments held in trust for the expenses of Maryville School, and the Christian zeal and patient labor of our principal, L. H. Garner, is worthy of attention. We gratefully acknowledge the kind consideration and aid from Friends' Freedmen Association of Philadelphia. We desire the prayerful attention of the Yearly Meeting to the interests of Maryville Institute the Annual Report of which from the principal we herewith present.

On behalf of the Committee,

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Secretary.*

Financial Statement.

RECEIPTS.

Augustine Jones, Trustee, George Sturge Fund .	$1,450 09	
“ “ “ H. C. Camp Fund . .	60 00	
“ “ “ B. F. Knowles Fund .	9 00	
From Yearly Meeting appropriation	500 00	
“ Philadelphia Freedmen Association of Friends,	100 00	
Contributions from the Monthly Meetings . .	183 90	
Other donations	73 46	
		$2,376 45

EXPENDITURES.

Paid L. H. Garner, principal, on wages account .	$926 36	
“ for aid to students from George Sturge Fund .	1,450 09	
		$2,376 45

For the Committee,

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREEDMEN'S NORMAL INSTITUTE, MARYVILLE, TENN., FOR THE YEAR 1893–94.

Number of days taught	190
Number enrolled	266
Per cent of attendance	87
Number of boarders in the building	59
Number of teachers in the training class	102
Number graduating in the Elementary Course	13

This Annual Report is submitted with thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that He has so graciously manifested His presence with us through the past year, there having been an unusual interest in spiritual things manifested by the students, many of whom accepted Christ as their Saviour and, having gone out as teachers, will scatter the good seed over a wide section of this South Land.

A Christian Endeavor Society, with forty-eight active members and fifteen associate members, has been organized among the students with encouraging results, the meetings having been greatly blessed in training the members for religious work and in arousing a general spiritual interest. Realizing that the most important part of our work is the building up of Christian character, it has been especially encouraging to note the growth which many have made into a richer and fuller life with Christ.

L. H. GARNER, *Principal.*

FIFTH MONTH 31ST, 1894.

38. We are informed that all the Quarterly Meetings have paid or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting their respective quotas of Yearly Meeting stock.

39. The report of the Trustees of the George Sturge, Benjamin F. Knowles, and Henry Camp Funds have been received and approved, viz.: —

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE STURGE, BENJAMIN F. KNOWLES, AND HENRY CAMP FUNDS.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

George Sturge Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$19 35	
Coupons paid Ninth Month 14th	727 50	
" " Second Month 6th, 1894	727 50	
Interest on Deposits	3 14	
		$1,477 49

EXPENDITURES.

Box in Rhode Island Safe Deposit	$10 00	
Assisting Students, Fall Term	515 57	
“ “ Spring Term	934 52	
Balance for new account	17 40	
		$1,477 49

Benjamin F. Knowles Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To dividend 55 Willimantic Linen Company . .	$4 50	
“ “ 56 “ “ “ . .	4 50	
		$9 00

EXPENDITURES.

Third Month 12th, 1894, Paid Freedman's Committee	$9 00	
		$9 00

Henry Camp Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$7 23	
Interest on Mortgage for $1,000	60 00	
		$67 23

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Committee on Freedom Third Month 12th, 1894,	$30 00	
“ “ “ “ Fifth Month 24th, 1894,	30 00	
Balance for new account	7 23	
		$67 23

On behalf of the Trustees,

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON.
AUGUSTINE JONES.

40. The Bible School Committee's report has been read and approved.

We appoint Otis Meader, I. Warren Hawkes, Samuel Buffum, Willis Hawes, Ezra Hawkes, Susan M. Seabury, Thomas Wood, Harriette D. Collins, Sarah Marble, to present nominations for a Bible School Committee for the ensuing year, also the name of a Friend for Yearly Meeting's Superintendent of Bible School work.

REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends, — Reports from our Bible Schools indicate that we have fifty-eight schools with a total membership slightly less than that of one year ago, the average attendance being in the same proportion. The accompanying statistical report shows that at least five schools have experienced material increase in both membership and attendance, leaving the losses to be accounted for elsewhere.

The schools at Hopkinton, R. I., and at South Weare, N. H., are reported as discontinued. From Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, however, comes the report that a new school called "*Wayside Mission*" has been opened by Friends in Central Village, and yet another school has been started, Potomska, in which many Friends of that vicinity are interested, though it is not considered as one of our Yearly Meeting schools. It is reported, too, that some Friends in New Bedford, besides teaching in their own school, have classes also at the City Mission, and that in all the schools in Sandwich Quarter a good degree of interest is being maintained.

By changes in the statistics since last report, the leading school in point of membership and attendance is that at the East Lynn Chapel in Salem Quarterly Meeting, which reports a membership of two hundred, and average attendance of one hundred and thirteen. It reports having had through the winter months an average attendance of one hundred and forty-five to one hundred and fifty.

CONFERENCES. Quarterly Meeting Bible School conferences have been held as follows: In Rhode Island, three; in Salem, two; in Sandwich, two; in Falmouth, one; in Smithfield, three; in Vassalboro, one; in Dover, none; in Fairfield none, and in Parsonsfield, one. Of these the Yearly Meeting's Superintendent has attended three. In some Quarters, as will be noted, two or three conferences are held every year, and we think none should let the year pass without holding at least one conference.

No general conference has been held during the year, but we think one should be arranged for in the near future. With the limited amount of time given to Bible-School work at Yearly Meeting there should be enough interest in the cause to support a good general conference each year, a central place from which should emanate much vitality conducive to healthy increase in quantity and quality of Bible-School work.

RECORDS. We still experience some difficulty in securing prompt and systematic reports from our schools. To facilitate this part of the work in future we have recently compiled and published a new record-book arranged to meet our needs for keeping in each school a complete and yet simple record of enrolment, attendance, and other items of interest. Prior to the beginning of the new school year, Fourth Month 1st, one of these books was sent to each school, so that none has now any excuse for not keeping proper records. Copies of the book may be obtained by application to the Yearly Meeting Superintendent.

LIBRARIES. Perhaps one of the most common "special needs" mentioned by schools in recent annual reports has been that of better libraries. In the hope of meeting this need we have been working on a plan, now ready to put into effect, for assisting schools that may need help in obtaining good books at the lowest cost. A part of this plan has involved the preparation of a list of books which is to be sent to every school for reference and convenience in selection. A preliminary list of about one hundred and twenty books has already been prepared and printed, it being the intention that supplementary lists should be issued from time to time as may seem desirable. The quality of books comprising a Sabbath-School library is a matter of much importance. Not only should no books be tolerated that are in any way harmful in their influence, but those of a trashy nature should be excluded, and only those placed in the hands of our young readers that will exert a positively beneficial influence in a moral, religious, or educational way. In these times of an abundance of wholesome and attractive books for the young, there is no apology for placing in their hands those of any other nature. The Sabbath-School library, particularly in country districts, may, and we believe should, be made a centre of educational and moral influence.

Within the past two months we have made offers to a few schools desiring assistance in improving their libraries to donate from our Bible-School funds any sum not exceeding ten dollars upon their having raised an equal amount from local resources. In one school ten dollars has been raised for books in this way and we believe others are working in that direction.

It is desirable that any Friend in the Yearly Meeting who may have a knowledge of specially good books for the Bible-School library will assist the Committee by naming the books, that they may be included in our list.

VISITATION. We think the greatest need of our work to-day is occasional visitation of schools by Yearly and Quarterly Meeting Superintendents and other interested workers. Since there are not enough Sabbaths in the year for any one person to visit each school, this visitation must naturally devolve upon the Quarterly Meeting Superintendents, in their respective Quarters. How much inspiration and help the schools might derive from an occasional visit of a live and interested worker, it is impossible to estimate. We are not unmindful of the fact that often (possibly generally) the Quarterly Meeting Superintendent is a most interested and needed worker in his or her local school, but in accordance with the principles on which we do our work in the Society of Friends we think each Quarterly Meeting ought to furnish at least one person who could accomplish this desired work.

We believe there is no way in which such returns could be secured from the money we raise each year for Bible-School work as by using what may be necessary in defraying the travelling expenses of such workers. The needed sum in each Quarterly Meeting is not large, since distances travelled would be short and the number of schools in each is small. If each Quarterly Meeting would take this matter in hand, find some one who would do the work, itself providing the money necessary for travelling expense, splendid results might be secured, reached in the

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Quarterly Meeting.	Location of School.	Local Superintendent's Name and Address.	Monthly Meeting.	Membership of School.	Average Attendance.	No. of Friends.	No. of Classes.	No. Evidencing Change of Heart During Year.	Is Religious Interest Increasing?	Are Teachers' Meetings Held?	Volumes in Library.	Books Added During Year.	Lesson Helps Used.	Kinds of Papers Used.	Number of Papers Distributed.	Temperance Lessons.	Peace Lessons.	Is Children's Day Observed?	Months of School.
Rhode Island.	Portsmouth	John B. Grinnell, Portsmouth, R. I.	Rhode Island	45	27	–	5	–	–	No	400	153	A	2	240	4	–	No	12
	Newport	R. C. Wetherell	Rhode Island	40	25	15	5	0	–	No	450	10	–	2	600	12	0	No	12
	Lower Smithfield,	Louisa N. Meader, 33 Barton St., Pawtucket	Providence	80	50	24	6	12	Yes	–	125	0	G, B, H	4	660	12	2	No	12
	Providence	Robert P. Gifford, Providence, R. I.	Providence	30	23	25	4	–	Yes	No	200	0	D	1	60	–	–	No	–
	Somerset	G. M. Chace, Box 355, Fall River	Swansea	94	47	61	9	2	Yes	No	269	70	B, A	6	1350	4	0	No	12
	Fall River	Herbert A. Skinner, Fall River	Swansea	102	59	48	9	–	Yes	Irregular	308	0	A, D, E	5	3180	4	0	No	12
	East Greenwich	Lydia E. Drinkwater, E. Greenwich, R. I.	E. Greenwich	12	9	9	2	0	Yes	No	120	0	B, I	None	–	1	0	No	12
		Totals		403	240	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Salem.	Amesbury	Daniel C. Maxfield, 12 R. R. Ave., Amesbury,	Amesbury	53	33	40	5	–	–	None	260	8	A, B	4	660	4	–	No	12
	Boston	Thomas Wood, 215 State St., Boston	Boston	45	28	44	4	–	–	Weekly	200	–	A, B	2	600	4	0	No	12
	East Lynn	Chas. E. Bishop, 40 Ireson Ave., Lynn	Salem	200	113	–	19	–	Yes	None	350	101	A	2	–	4	1	Yes	12
	Henniker			–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Lawrence	Stephen Swett, Haverhill, Mass.	Boston	85	70	48	7	–	–	Quarterly	70	–	B	2	540	4	2	No	12
	Lowell	Chas. Kelley, Lowell, Mass.	Boston	8	7	7	1	–	Yes	None	–	–	B	–	–	1	1	No	12
	Lynn	Geo. C. Herbert, 17 Chatham St., Lynn	Salem	131	83	58	16	4	Yes	Irregular	840	43	A, D	3	–	4	None	Yes	12
	North Weare	Harriet N. Jones, North Weare, N. H.	Weare	27	21	20	3	–	–	None	509	1	A, B, F	3	–	4	–	No	12
	Salem			25	17	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	South Pittsfield	A. N. Peaslee, So. Pittsfield, N. H.	Amesbury	–	–	7	4	–	No	None	–	0	A	None	–	4	None	No	12
	West Epping	Moses O. Nichols, West Epping, N. H.	Amesbury	12	8	12	2	–	–	None	75	12	F	None	–	–	–	No	12
		Totals		586	380	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sandwich.	Allen's Neck			94	52	31	10	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Mattapoisett			25	17	8	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Smith's Neck			50	24	12	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Central Village			46	33	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Central Village																		
	Wayside Mission,			57	40	6	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Long Plain			28	13	22	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Acushnet			10	6	10	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	New Bedford	Nat'l W. Gifford		175	90	20	12	–	–	–	440	70	–	2	–	4	–	–	10
		Totals		485	278	109	45	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Falmouth.	Casco	S. A Hall, Casco, Me.	Windham	18	14	9	2	0	–	No	74	4	A	4	–	4	–	No	12
	Deering	Wm. I. Hacker, Westbrook, Me.	Falmouth	28	18	21	3	–	–	No	184	17	A	4	–	4	–	No	12
	East Durham	Mahlon D. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.	Durham	42	35	20	4	0	Yes	No	208	60	B	4	480	4	0	No	12
	Lewiston	J. F. Richards, 68 Wood St., Lewiston	Lewiston	95	64	50	11	2	Yes	No	208	60	B	4	480	4	0	No	12
	Portland	Fred C. Dearborn, 44 Winter St., Portland	Falmouth	84	49	66	7	1	Yes	No	243	26	A, B	None	–	4	0	No	12
	South Durham	Henry M. Snow, South Durham, Me.	Durham	–	35	–	7	–	Yes	Weekly	116	–	A	1	–	4	–	Yes	12
	Windham	Elijah Cook, Windham Centre	Windham	40	19	29	4	0	No	No	220	–	None	2	144	4	–	No	12
		Totals		307	234	195	38	3			1253	167	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Smithfield.	Bolton	Alfred Dow, Hudson, Mass.	Bolton	55	39	35	7	0	–	No	292	0	–	1	–	0	0	No	–
	West Mansfield	None Appointed	Woonsocket	6	4	6	1	–	–	No	–	0	–	1	–	0	0	No	–
	Northbridge	Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.	Uxbridge	18	15	7	3	5	–	No	150	0	B	4	96	0	0	No	12
	Worcester	D. M. Babcock, 17 Sudbury St.	Uxbridge	20	13	14	2	0	Yes	No	300	0	A, B, F	4	386	4	1	No	12
	Woonsocket	James S. Read, Woonsocket	Smithfield	181	102	36	11	–	–	Weekly	553	60	A, B	3	900	2	2	No	12
		Totals		280	173	98	24	5			1295	60	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Vassalboro.	Brooks	Mary Staples, Brooks, Me.	Unity	40	20	10	3	–	No	No	50	30	A	–	–	4	2	–	9
	China	Geo. E. Roberts, China, Me.	China	30	25	20	3	–	–	No	85	85	–	–	–	–	–	–	12
	East Vassalboro	Abbie P. Jenkins, East Vassalboro	Vassalboro	30	20	15	3	0	No	Irregular	165	14	A	2	770	4	4	No	12
	Maple Grove	John W. Plummer, Fort Fairfield, Me.	Unity	30	22	9	–	0	No	No	0	–	A	–	–	2	2	–	9
	South China	Emma L. Plaisted, South China, Me.	China	70	45	43	6	2	Yes	–	150	18	A, B	–	–	4	–	Yes	12
	Unity	Etta M. Varney, Unity, Me.	Unity	25	20	20	3	0	No	No	No	–	G	–	–	2	–	No	12
	West China	Alfred H. Jones, China, Me.	China	20	18	10	–	0	Yes	No	?	–	G	–	–	–	–	Yes	12
		Totals		245	170	127	18	2			450	147	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dover.	Dover	Alice R. Estes, 36 Silver Street, Dover	Dover	20	12	18	3	–	–	No	–	–	B	1	72	4	0	No	12
	Gonic	Clarance I. Pinkham, Gonic, N. H.	Dover	45	21	22	3	?	Yes	No	174	–	A	3	–	4	0	No	12
	North Berwick	William T. Hussey	Berwick	10	6	10	1	–	–	–	–	–	A	–	–	–	–	–	12
	Rochester	Eli Meader, Rochester, N. H.	Dover	20	6	15	3	–	–	–	–	–	G	1	–	–	–	–	–
		Totals		95	45	65	10	–			174		–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Augusta	James Plummer, cor. Court and Chestnut Sts.	Winthrop	31	14	8	3	–	–	–	None	–	A	2	500	4	1	No	12
	Hollowell	A. F. Morse, Hallowell, Me.	Winthrop	20	10	10	3	–	–	No	–	–	B	–	–	–	–	No	12
	Manchester	Alfred W. Hawkes, Manchester, Me.	Winthrop	41	28	20	3	1	–	–	–	–	A	6	795	4	–	No	12
	North Fairfield	Geo. R. Wing, North Fairfield, Me.	Sidney	45	22	21	5	15	Yes	–	175	100	A	1	100	4	–	No	12
	Sidney	Sarah E. Shephard, Centre Sidney	Sidney	30	23	10	4	9	–	–	–	1	A	–	–	4	1	Yes	12
	St. Albans	Jesse W. Chandler, St. Albans, Me.	St. Albans	34	13	16	3	0	No	No	None	–	B	2	10	4	0	No	12
	Winthrop Centre	C. I. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.	Winthrop	156	83	66	11	–	–	Weekly	337	0	A	None	–	4	1	No	12
	North Gardiner	Mark Osborne, Manchester	Winthrop	33	16	14	4	3	–	–	–	–	A	1	900	4	–	No	12
		Totals		390	209	165	36	28			512	101	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	East Parsonsfield,	Silas H. Cartland, East Parsonsfield	Parsonsfield	45	20	39	4	3	–	No	240	2	B	4	52	4	2	No	12
	North Sandwich.	Cornelius Turner, North Sandwich	Sandwich	41	20	27	3	1	Yes	Weekly	142	21	A	2	–	0	0	No	12
		Totals		86	40	66	7	4			382	23	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

simplest manner, and the interest and attendance in our schools increased. We may see difficulties in carrying out the plan, but the old adage still remains good, “ Where there 's a will there 's usually a way.”

We cannot close this report without reference to a home-study class established during the year in connection with the school at New Bedford. The class numbers fifteen and has for its members young mothers and elderly people who cannot conscientiously attend the school. The class study the same lesson upon which the school is at work and when possible at the same hour. Once in three months a report from the class is made to the school, and from the class teachers for the school are sometimes recruited. Home study classes are a growing feature in Sabbath-school work in various sections of the country and promises to become an important department of every flourishing Sabbath school. We recommend all our schools to try the plan where opportunity offers.

We trust the coming year may be one of increased energy in Bible School work, and that in the localities where schools are growing smaller in size, strong effort will be made to report an increase another year.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE L. CROSMAN.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 11th, 1849.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS FOR NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS.

RECEIPTS.

Brought from 1893 . . . . , ...	$146 18
Received from the Treasurer of the Monthly Meetings . .	37 52
	$183 70

EXPENDITURES.

12th Mo. 29th, 1893, Paid George C. Herbert & Co., Printing,	$4 00
6th “ 6th, 1894, “ “ “ “ “ “ Record Books	75 00
“ “ “ “ “ J. M., Superintendent, Postage .	14 80
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ Cash advanced to school at China, Maine, for Library	5 00
Balance . . .	84 90
	$183 70

C. I. BAILEY, *Treasurer.*

Adjourned to meet in separate sessions to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

THIRD-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 12TH.

The Meeting assembled in separate sessions pursuant to adjournment.

41. Epistles from Western, Baltimore, North Carolina, Canada, Indiana, and Iowa have been read.

42. Iowa Yearly Meeting informs that it has granted a request for the establishment of California Yearly Meeting to be opened at Whittier, Cal., in Third Month, 1895.

The action is approved by this Meeting, Women Friends concurring.

43. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of society as developed in the answers to the queries.

The answers are as follows: —

SUMMARY.

1. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held except forty, some of the meetings at Nantucket and a few not enumerated. One Quarterly Meeting reports exceptions, but gives no number.

First-day meetings are duly attended by the larger part of our members and near the appointed hour. Mid-week meetings are much neglected but one Meeting reports a great improvement in this respect.

2. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained. Not wholly clear as to detraction. Endeavors are used to end differences when they arise, but not always as speedily as would be best.

3. There has been a care manifested by most Friends to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to influence their children and others in accordance with our Christian profession; we feel, however, that greater faithfulness is desirable.

4. Most Friends read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families, encouraging their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty.

The Quarterly Meetings have endeavored, but have not been able to ascertain the exact number of exceptions though three report a definite number. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained, with a few exceptions.

5. Friends, with thirty-two exceptions, abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Mostly clear as to the other parts of the query.

6. The circumstances of the poor have received due attention, and care is taken to educate their children.

7. With a few exceptions, clear as to military matters and oaths. Clear as to defrauding the public revenue.

8. We think Friends are careful, with a few exceptions, to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, that they are also punctual to their promises and just in the payment of debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9. With little exception, our records are well attended to. Some removals without certificates.

10. There is a care to administer the discipline as queried after.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

44. The various matters upon which we are questioned claimed our careful thought. The large number of omissions in the holding of meetings, due largely to their isolated locations, and the smallness of the number constituting them, called forth our sympathy. We desire the encouragement of our members, in the hope that with continued faithfulness, the waste places may yet be builded, and more cheering reports received in the near future. Full and clear instruction to our children, and to such as may come amongst us, in reference to military matters, as well as the use of civil oaths, is highly important.

Our testimony against all war, and all that appertains to war, in any of its departments, is clear and unmistakable. It is greatly to be hoped that none of our members may give countenance in any way to any custom which tends to foster the war spirit; and not that alone, but to be watchful on all suitable occasions to use their positive influence for peace, as the natural results of the love that thinketh no evil. The immunity which the State grants us in the matter of oaths ought never to be lightly regarded, since it is achieved at the cost of suffering and of blood.

In earnest and stirring words we were exhorted to steadfastness in our adherence to Scripture teaching upon this point. Especially are Friends urged to faithfulness in shielding their boys from the influences of the military drill in our schools.

Our love to God, out of which grows love to our fellows, which makes the infliction of bodily harm impossible, should make us equally careful that no word should be dropped that might soil the good name of another.

Let us not look for ill in another; let us not believe evil of a brother, except upon unquestionable proof. The remedy for any temptation in this direction lies in a purification of heart by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

45. The Trustees of the H. H. Mosher Fund presented their report, which is accepted, viz.: —

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The funds in our hands are as follows: —

City of Boston Registered 5% Bond	$10,000 00
New Bedford Institution for Savings deposit	1,078 65
Lynn " " " "	2,630 54
	$13,709 19

We have received five hundred dollars interest on the City of Boston Bond, and paid the same to J. E. Paige, Treasurer of the Committee, to disburse the same.

For the Trustees,
OWEN DAME.

Newport, Sixth Month 12th, 1894.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF THE MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The one hundred and fifty copies of "The Friends, Who They Are — What They Have Done," by William Beck, which were ordered from England by the committee of last year, came during this year, and were distributed; fifteen additional copies were purchased. This book has proved to be one of unusual adaptation for the fulfilment of the trust of the Mosher Fund.

More copies were desired, but as the funds at the disposal of the committee have been delayed in coming into the hands of its treasurer, such copies have not been ordered.

One hundred and five copies of the "Friends' Review" and fifty-three copies of the "Christian Worker" have been subscribed for, and are now being read and much appreciated.

Seventy-three copies of our "New England Discipline" have been purchased.

Two hundred and four copies of "The Golden Clew; or, Why We Children Are Friends," by G. Crosfield, have been distributed; some were handed to mothers of young children, some to young persons in our Bible schools, who were inquirers for the "Principles of the Christian Religion," as held by the Society of Friends.

Copies of the "Life of Stephen Crisp" were bought for the committee to read, with a view to the distribution of the work.

Ten dollars has been appropriated for printing of tracts.

ALFRED H. JONES, *Chairman.*
SARAH MARBLE, *Secretary.*

Newport, R. I., Sixth Month 9th, 1894.

H. H. MOSHER FUND.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year's report	$301 09	
Received from Trustees	500 00	
interest	2 60	
		$803 09

PAYMENTS.

165 copies of "The Friends," by Wm. Beck	$200 74	
73 " "Book of Discipline"	21 90	
204 " "Golden Clew"	86 40	
7 " "Stephen Crisp"	7 00	
Express and postage on above	13 21	
145 subscriptions to "Friends' Review"	217 50	
53 " to "Christian Worker"	53 00	
For printing tracts	10 00	
Sundry small expenses by the Committee	3 73	
		613 48
		$190 21

J. E. PAIGE, *Treasurer.*

46. The answers to the queries to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that Meeting, have been read, viz.: —

SUMMARY ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES FOR THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

1. We are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline; careful also to promote the attendance of our families with a little exception in each of these duties noted by three Quarterly Meetings.

2. We are in unity one with another, and with the Meetings to which we belong. Two Quarterly Meetings qualify their answer by saying "in good degree" or in "good measure." Our labor in gathering unto Christ is in harmony, with little exception mentioned by three Quarterly Meetings.

3. We are frequently engaged in searching the Holy Scriptures, under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and, with little exception reported by one Quarterly Meeting, careful not to misquote or misapply them.

MINUTE ON STATE OF SOCIETY FROM THE YEARLY MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

47. The answers to the queries have impressed us that our members are working in harmony and love to upbuild the Church of Christ and

to gather into His fold. There is an evident desire to have the banner of love always over us, and we knit together in love, and to so lose sight of self and individual preferences that the will of the Master may be done in us, and through us.

It is felt that there is a place of service both for old and young, and that the Lord's girding is the one necessary qualification. Christian duties and religious life and service should begin at home, and the family should be the inner shrine of the Church.

Effectiveness and power in family worship, in public worship, in Mission work and in every sphere are measured by the completeness of our individual consecration. We are enjoined to plead earnestly for the preparation of more of the members of our meetings for service as Ministers, that the power of the Church may be multiplied.

We have realized anew that we need greater earnestness and determination to make each new year a year of greater effort and consecration, so in touch with the Divine life that currents of life may go out through us. The message for to-day, as of old, is, "Speak to the people that they go forward." May we all possess life more abundant, power that prevails, fresh girding for the Lord's work, realizing that the central thought of our existence should be the conversion of sinners, and the edifying of the body in the faith and love of the Gospel of Christ. This is the primary cause of being joined together in a Christian body; all other things are secondary. With our hearts full of faith in our Master, we are encouraged to go into our special field of service to win new trophies of victory. Though we may at this time seem to be but a remnant of Israel, we are exhorted to consider earnestly how we may best preach Christ.

A deep solemnity has overspread us, as we have realized the short period allotted to us, the approaching departure of some who for many years have kept the faith among us, and that we are to live clean, pure, transparent lives, free from all that would in any way dishonor the Holy cause of our Lord and Master, too conscious of our own infirmities to speak a word of slander or even listen to it. We know of no better way to preach Christ than to wait for His word and to let Him speak through us without hindrance.

The minister needs to be indefinitely larger in life and character than anything he says, for the personality goes deeper than mere words can. It is with God to bestow gifts, but it is for us to stir up the gifts that have been received and to see that no talent lies unused. It is our part to sow the seed, the great Husbandman alone can bring it to fruit.

It is the sense of this Meeting that the members of it shall feel free to invite such Friends as may be thereby helped in their Christian life and experience and be a help to us by their presence to attend the various sessions of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and it is directed that this information be brought before the Yearly Meeting.

RUFUS M. JONES, *Clerk.*

48. We unite in a proposition made, that Overseers of Monthly Meetings be considered members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, *ex-officio*, Women's Meeting concurring.

49. The Records of the Representative Meeting were read and approved. A request from that Meeting to consider the subject of expenses of Friends attending our Yearly Meetings with Minutes from other Meetings, is referred to the Representatives, Women's Meeting concurring.

50. We refer to the Representative Meeting to be appointed the subject of bequests mentioned in Minutes of that Meeting, Eighth Month, 1893. Also the matter of building a vault for the preservation of our records. Also the reinvestment of $3,000, R. I. State bonds, maturing in Eighth Month, in all of which the Women's Meeting concur.

51. Our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings are directed to make suitable provision for the safe keeping of their records, also to re-copy records when they become illegible.

52. It is concluded that the Yearly Meeting in 1895 be held in Portland, Me., Women Friends concurring.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY EVENING.

The Meeting assembled in joint session near the hour appointed.

53. The Committee on Temperance presented their Report; it is as follows: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Dear Friends, — As we review the past year of discovered opportunity and service, we rejoice to report that something has been done, though the latter seems small, and *not equal* to the former because of the meagre financial aid.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor have been encouraged to take up the temperance topic assigned for them, and some have replied that they do.

We have striven to be faithful as superintendents of and teachers in Bible Schools. The Temperance lessons as they occur in the quarterlies, are quite generally used.

One of our number has labored in the public schools, another has written very useful articles which received the approval of editors, others have distributed many pages of literature not supplied by our Superintendent, who writes that her labors have not been arduous as there have been few calls. She has sent out three thousand three hundred pages of books and tracts, and in addition has distributed monthly at the State Reform School of New Hampshire one hundred and twenty copies of four-page papers, also similar papers at the Public Reading Room of the W. C. T. U.; at the Boys' Reading Room, at the City Farm and House of Correction, State Woman's Reformatory, and Box at Depot.

In several cities much work has been done against License and for Prohibition.

Some have held public Temperance meetings, a few of these being one of the Quarterly Meeting sessions, aside from those reported by our Superintendent of Lectures, who renders the following: Thirty-five lectures, and forty addresses, sermons, and temperance talks have been given during the year by members of the Committee and others employed for the purpose. Some work on all these lines has been done in each of the nine Quarterly Meetings. The professional lecturers employed from outside the Yearly Meeting were William Hubbard of Ohio, Emelie U. Burgess of New York, and Josephine Nichols of Indiana; each of these did excellent effectual work, acceptable to Friends and appreciated by others. The public press gave good and very satisfactory reports.

It is only by the treasury being supplemented by individual donations from Friends and others that we have been enabled to do what we have on both lines of literature and lectures.

We would recommend that $200 be appropriated for the temperance work next year. We recommend that the Yearly Meeting *memorialize Congress* in view of the numerous petitions which have been laid before it for nearly a quarter of a century, asking them to appoint a Commission of Inquiry with regard to the liquor traffic, and its effects upon our national prosperity remembering that "while righteousness exalteth a nation, sin is a reproach to any people," also that our epistles to other Yearly Meetings request their co-operation in this appeal.

Much of our labor may have been seed sowing from which fruit will come, we trust. Intemperance is a plant of which our Saviour said, "Every plant which my Heavenly Father has not planted shall be rooted up," and this will be greatly aided when the sanctified heart causes the sanctified hand to cast a sanctified ballot. Hoping for a deeper interest which shall result in greater activity for Prohibition among the individuals of our Society so that the world may know that part of the Christians known as the Society of Friends are willing to be found on God's side trusting him to make it a majority, we submit the above.

MARY H. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

We commend this important subject to the attention of all our members under a strong conviction of the necessity of earnest efforts in striving to stem the tide of evil which now seems likely to overspread our land. And while we thus labor may we be very careful that our own hands are clean in regard to any participation in this evil.

The subject of memorializing Congress as proposed by the Committee was referred to the Temperance Committee.

Thomas Wood, Frank A. Morse, James Estes, Mary A. Chase, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Mary W. Jones were appointed to propose to this Meeting the names of suitable Friends to have the charge of this subject for this coming year.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE *in account with* ELISHA T. READ, *Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS.

Received from Monthly Meeting Treasurers . .	$90 68	
“ “ Henry Taber	5 00	
“ “ collection at Woonsocket . .	5 00	
“ “ Boston Preparative Meeting . .	42	
Total		$101 10

EXPENDITURES.

Paid on account of Literature	$19 66	
“ “ “ “ Lectures	78 52	
Balance on hand	2 92	
Total		$101 10

Respectfully submitted,

ELISHA T. READ, *Treasurer.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 11th, 1894.

Adjourned to meet in separate session to-morrow at ten o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 13TH.

The Meeting again assembled in separate session.

54. The Committee for that purpose presented a returning Minute for J. Lindley Spicer, as follows: —

J. Lindley Spicer attended this Meeting, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us; and recommended that similar ones be furnished to William Thomas Willis, Fernando G. Cartland, Mary J. Weaver, Lauretta Pim, Aden Pim, Franklin Meredith and his wife, Mary Moon Meredith, and Noah C. McLean.

The Minute is approved by this and the Women's Meeting, and the clerk is directed to furnish each of the above with a copy signed on our behalf.

55. We appoint Augustine Jones and Samuel Buffum to represent us at Washington, if the urgency of the case shall require, in reference to Indian Commissioners, etc., as stated in Minute No. 23, and they are at liberty to draw on our Treasurer for expenses incurred.

56. Members of the Finance Committee from Sandwich and Dover Quarterly Meetings being absent, the representatives from those Meetings propose Edward G. Dillingham, Susan F. Hoxie, Eliza P. Pierce, and Samuel Buffum; which nominations are approved.

57. The Representatives propose the following named Friends to constitute a Representative Meeting for the ensuing year, which nominations are approved, Women Friends concurring. (NOTE.) The names appear in the usual place in the Minutes.

58. The Auditors presented their report which is satisfactory.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

RECEIPTS.

Balance last year	$1,145 84	
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	550 00	
Salem " "	450 00	
Sandwich " "	500 00	
Falmouth " "	212 50	
Smithfield " "	150 00	
Vassalboro " "	137 50	
Dover " "	150 00	
Fairfield " "	300 00	
Parsonsfield " "	50 00	
Loan by note on demand	1,000 00	
Sales of "Book of Discipline"	32 10	
Dividends and Interest	87 29	
		$4,765 23

EXPENDITURES.

Paid expense of Yearly Meeting at Portland	$397 03	
" Rent of Safe Deposit Box	5 00	
" Interest on Oak Grove Note	100 00	
" Principal Account (Oak Grove Note)	500 00	
(Balance due on note 8th Month 14th, 1893, $1,500.)		
Paid Committee on Freedmen	500 00	
" Executive Committee, Western Indians	525 00	
" Printing, Stationery, and Copying	512 77	
" Expressage	3 96	
" Incidentals	19 17	
" Loan returned	1,000 00	
" Interest on Loan	41 84	
" Balance in Treasurer's hands	1,160 46	
		$4,765 23

BOSTON MEETING HOUSE FUND.

Balance last year	$2,336 33	
Received income	225 00	
Principal of the Fund (Bonds)	9,000 00	
		$11,561 33
Paid to Overseers of Boston Monthly Meeting		$11,561 33

We find the accounts correctly kept with the proper vouchers. We recommend that the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and nominate Samuel R. Buffinton for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, James H. Chace for Treasurer of the Providence School Funds, and Joseph E. Briggs for Treasurer of the Oak Grove Seminary Funds.

By direction of the Committee,

OWEN DAME.
ROBERT P. GIFFORD.

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 12th, 1894.

We approve of the recommendation that the sum of $2,500 be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting, and Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay their respective proportion of said sum to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting on or before the first of Fifth Month next. We do also appoint Samuel R. Buffinton as Treasurer of this Meeting, James H. Chace for Treasurer of Providence School Funds, and Joseph E. Briggs for Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary Funds, Women Friends concurring.

59. It is concluded to expunge so much of our discipline on

page 81, edition of 1889, as relates to the hour of holding Yearly Meetings for worship, leaving that for the Committee of Arrangements to determine; Women's Meeting concurring.

60. We request the Representative Meeting to consider the advisability of a revision and reprint of our Book of Discipline and report their judgment thereon, Women Friends concurring.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Fourth-day Afternoon, Sixth Month 13th.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

61. The London General Epistle for 1894 has been read, and its clear and earnest counsel is commended to our membership.

The clerk is directed to cause a reprint of one thousand five hundred copies for distribution.

62. The Epistle from Wilmington Yearly Meeting was read.

63. Joint Epistles to London and Dublin Yearly Meetings, and to the Monthly Meeting at Ramallah, also an epistle addressed to all the American Yearly Meetings, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward them to the clerks of those Meetings.

64. William Thompson is added to the Board of Trustees holding the Mission property in Ramallah.

65. Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance presented their report, which is adopted.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Finance recommends that the following appropriations be made from the treasury of the Yearly Meeting: —

For Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs . .	$525 00
For Principal and Interest on Oak Grove Notes . . .	575 00
For Freedmen [Maryville Institute]	500 00
	$1,600 00

We recommend that the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting be authorized to loan to the treasurer of the Gospel Committee the sum of $200.00; to the treasurer of the Temperance Committee the sum of $50.00; and to the treasurer of the Committee on Peace the sum of $50.00, for the immediate use of the several committees, the same to be returned to the treasury of the Yearly Meeting from the offerings received from the members throughout the Yearly Meeting.

For the Committee,

PHEBE S. AYDELOTT, *Secretary.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 13th, 1894.

We do, therefore, authorize our treasurer to advance the following sums, viz.: —

To Treasurer of Gospel Committee	$200 00
" " " Temperance Committee	50 00
" " " Peace Committee	50 00

the sum to be repaid on its receipt from voluntary offerings.

66. Timothy B. Hussey, on behalf of the delegates chosen to attend the World's Peace Congress at Chicago, reported his attendance, the proceedings of which our members are encouraged to supply themselves with, and which can be had of B. F. Trueblood, Boston, Mass.

67. The Representative Meeting is requested to appoint delegates to attend the opening of California Yearly Meeting, if way should open for it.

68. The Representatives report on several subjects which were referred to them as follows: —

1. We recommend that the action of the Yearly Meeting, as expressed in Minute No. 49 of the Minutes of 1893, be rescinded.

BAPTISM AND THE SUPPER OF THE LORD.

2. We express our conviction that our Lord appointed no outward rite or ceremony for observance in His Church. We accept every command of our Lord in what we believe to be its genuine import, as conclusive. The question of the use of outward ordinances is with us, not as to the authority of Christ, but as to His real meaning. Our Lord was pleased to make use of a variety of symbolical utterances, but he often gently upbraided His disciples for accepting literally what he had intended only in its spiritual meaning. The new covenant of grace is declared by the great apostle of the Gentiles to be " not of the letter but of the spirit." — 2 Cor. iii. 6, R. V.; also Rom. xiv. 17, R. V.

Numerous are the declarations that the ceremonies of eating and drinking and other outward rites have ceased to be obligatory. We hold therefore that the sacraments of the New Covenant are of the same spiritual nature as the covenant itself. Heb. ix. 9, 15, R. V.; Col. ii. 13, 14, R. V.; 1 Cor. viii. 8 R. V.; Gal. iv. 3, 5 and 31, R. V.; Rom. ii. 28, 29, R. V.

" One Lord, one faith, one baptism," Eph. iv. 5, R. V. " John answered saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but there cometh He that is mighter than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose; He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." — Luke iii. 16, R. V.

We believe the one baptism of the Gospel dispensation is that of Christ, who baptizes His people with the Holy Ghost. Since He opened the new and living way which He hath dedicated for us through the vail, that is to say His flesh, we have access by faith and enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus, without the intervention of priest or ordinance or any mediation but that of Christ the one Mediator.— Heb. x. 19, 21, R. V.

The one baptism which now saveth, and which is essential to a living membership in His Church, is that which He himself administers as the glorious Minister of the Sanctuary, the baptism with the Holy Spirit, as saith the Apostle, " For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body." — 1 Cor. xii. 13, R. V. It is only under this baptism that any can be truly made members of the family of the redeemed, or be taught to understand the new relation to which God has called them, by His grace, under the new and everlasting covenant.

We believe that the true Supper of the Lord is the communion which His believing children are enabled to hold with Him through the realization of the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in their hearts who hath cleansed them from all sin through the offering of His body and the shedding of His blood upon the cross. This communion is described by Him in the words, " Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me." — Rev. iii. 20, R. V. This experience is essential to the life of the Christian. It is only in the strength of this communion that he can pursue his heavenward journey, or bring forth fruit unto holiness; for saith our blessed Lord, " Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood ye have not life in yourselves." — John vi 53, 58, R. V.

We recommend that the foregoing statement be printed in the Minutes of this Meeting, with a view to its being adopted as a part of our discipline, if the Yearly Meeting shall so decide, next year.

3. We recommend that no change be made in the discipline respecting the duties of Monthly Meetings in the case of Friends travelling in the Ministry.

4. It is proposed for the Yearly Meeting next year to appoint all its Standing Committees, except the Finance Committee, but including the Representative Meeting, in the following manner, viz.: —

One third of each Committee for one year, one third for two years, one third for three years, and thereafter to appoint in each succeeding year one third of each Committee to succeed those whose term of service expires in that year.

Quarterly Meetings are directed when they appoint their Representatives to the Yearly Meeting to appoint two Friends in each Quarterly Meeting (one man and one woman), and these together shall constitute the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance for the year following, the said Committee to organize by choosing one of their number for Secretary.

69. The several subjects referred to the Representatives were now acted upon.

70. We therefore now rescind the direction contained in Minute No. 49 of last year.

71. An article upon the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper presented by the Representatives is approved by this Meeting and is directed to be printed in our Minutes with a view to adopt it as discipline next year.

72. We find no legislation necessary in regard to providing for Friends travelling in the Ministry.

73. We adopt the proposition of the Representatives in relation to Standing Committees.

74. Also for the appointment of the Yearly Meeting's Finance Committee by the Quarterly Meetings.

75. The following nominations for auxiliary members of the Committee on Foreign Missions are approved, the same made auxiliary to the Committee.

(Names will appear in connection with the names of the Foreign Mission Committee.)

76. The Committee of Arrangements are authorized to act in the matter of providing for the needs of Friends attending our Yearly Meeting with satisfactory credentials, as their judgment may direct.

77. It is directed that two thousand six hundred copies of our Minutes be printed and the clerks are authorized to attend to the same and Almira B. Buffum and John Ellwood Paige are appointed to assist them therein.

78. Quarterly Meetings are directed to send up one set of answers to the queries to the Yearly Meeting next year.

79. The following Committee has been appointed to make all necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open; also to

propose times and places for the various Committees to meet, which are now or may then be under appointment, viz. : —

Charles M. Jones, David J. Douglas, Samuel R. Buffinton, Thomas Wood, Oscar J. Morse, Robert P. Gifford, William T. Hussey, Myra E. Frye, Sarah J. Swift, Hannah J. Bailey, Susan Peckham, and Charles Estes.

80. We desire to acknowledge the gracious presence of our Heavenly Father during the sittings of this Yearly Meeting. The spirit of brotherly love and condescension with which the various affairs of the Church have been considered has been unbroken.

And now with earnest prayer that the year which opens before us may be, to all our membership, one of consecrated service, and consequently one of fruitfulness, we conclude, purposing to meet in joint session at Portland, Me., at the established time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY, } *Clerks.*
ANNA G. WOOD, }

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

Samuel R. Buffinton.
Phebe S. Aydelott.
Augustine Jones.
Alice C. Earle.
William O. Newhall.
Alice W. Maxfield.
Lucy T. Herbert.
Joseph D. Wood.
John B. Baylies.
Edward T. Tucker.
Susan F. Hoxie.
Ruth S. Murray.
Charles M. Jones.
S. Jane Cox.
Mary H. Robinson.
Ezra Hawkes.
Salome C. Wheeler.
D. Wheeler Swift.
Eliza P. Pierce.
Elizabeth K. Jones.
Henry H. Goddard.
J. Albert Jones.
Timothy B. Hussey.
Anna M. Hussey.
William P. Tuttle.
Lydia M. C. Tuttle.
I. Warren Hawkes.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Jesse McPherson.
Joseph E. Briggs.
John B. Cartland.
Eunice D. Cartland.
Silas H. Cartland.
Lydia A. Cartland.

Isaac Steere.
George F. Varney.
Daniel C. Maxfield.
Owen Dame.
Melissa S. Dearborn.
Charles A. Chace.
Charles F. Andrews.
John J. Frye.
David J. Douglas.
Lucy R. Goddard.
Sarah J. Swift.
Anna G. Wood.
Alice M. Dow.
George L. Crosman.
Olney T. Meader.

PROVIDENCE BOARDING-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Timothy B. Hussey.
Samuel R. Buffinton.
James H. Chace.
Peter M. Neal.
Samuel Buffum.
Robert P. Gifford.
I. Warren Hawkes.
William O. Newhall.
Daniel C. Maxfield.
Charles A. Chace.
Olney T. Meader.
Charles Sisson.
Edward T. Tucker.
Joshua L. Macomber.
John J. Frye.
Charles E. Cobb.
Thomas Wood.
Barker Newhall.
Rachel S. Howland.
Ellen K. Buffum.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Anna G. Wood.
Deborah W. Crossman.
Deborah P. Atherton.
Lydia C. Neal.
Ruth S. Murray.
Alice W. Maxfield.
Anna M. Hussey.
Elizabeth H. Newhall.
Sarah Marble.
Susan Peckham.
Bessie T. Wing.
S. Caroline Tobey.
Mary A. Crosman.
M. Augusta Battey.
Martha Hoag of Boston.
Rufus M. Jones.

Real Estate Committee.

James H. Chace.
Samuel R. Buffinton.
Olney T. Meader.
Robert P. Gifford.
Charles Sisson.

THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Chairman, George A. Barton.
Treasurer, J. Ellwood Paige.

George A. Barton.
Caroline Jones, Deering, Me.
Anna F. Hall.
Rufus M. Jones.
Ruthanna H. Washburne.
Myra E. Frye.
John Ellwood Paige.
Phebe W. Sawtelle.
Ruth S. Murray.
Gertrude W. Cartland.
Sarah Marble.
Wilmot R. Jones.

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

Chairman, AUGUSTINE JONES, Providence, R. I.
Treasurer, THOMAS WOOD, 215 State Street, Boston, Mass.
Secretary, SAMUEL BUFFUM, North Berwick, Me.

Hannah J. Bailey.
Silas H. Cartland.
Sylvester S. Aldrich.
Nathaniel W. Gifford.
Ellen Bangs.
Mary C. Baylies.
Samuel R. Buffinton.
James M. Estes.
George H. Farr.
Martha E. Hoag.
Elizabeth K. Jones.
S. Jane Cox.
Sarah A. Hill.
Caroline Alice Jones.
Gertrude W. Cartland.

Sub-Committee on Lectures.

Hannah J. Bailey.

Sub-Committee on Literature.

Elizabeth K. Jones.
Mary C. Baylies.
Martha E. Hoag.

Hannah J. Bailey, Member of Peace Association of Friends in America.

ORGANIZATION OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

Chairman, JOSEPH H. ATWATER, Providence, R. I.
Secretary, MARY H. ROBINSON, Brunswick, Me.
Treasurer, ELISHA T. READ, Woonsocket, R. I.
Superintendent of Literature, MARY A. CHASE, Manchester, N. H.
Superintendent of Lectures, HANNAH J. BAILEY, Winthrop Centre, Me.

Executive Committee.

Joseph H. Atwater.
Elisha T. Read.
Mary H. Robinson.
Mary A. Chase.
Hannah J. Bailey.

GENERAL COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Joseph H. Atwater.
Louisa N. Meader.
William Wood.
Mary A. Chase.
Joshua L. Macomber.
George L. Crosman.
Susan M. Seabury.
Mary C. Baylies.
Elisha T. Read.
Ella L. Andrews.
Josiah B. Holder.
Lucy A. Snow.
George H. Cates.
Elizabeth K. Jones.
Charles Peaslee.
Emeline H. Tuttle.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Mary W. Jones.
Alfred W. Hawkes.
Leslie O. Meader.
Julia A. Kimball.
Mary L. Cobb.
Mary H. Robinson.

COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

Chairman, Charles M. Bailey.
Secretary, I. Warren Hawkes.
Treasurer, Joseph E. Briggs.

Charles M. Bailey.
C. Irving Bailey.
Charles M. Jones.
Joseph E. Briggs.
John J. Frye.
George L. Crosman.
Timothy B. Hussey.
Frank E. Jones.
Alfred H. Jones.
Isaac O. Winslow.
I. Warren Hawkes.
Elwood A. Bailey.
Jesse McPherson.
George H. Cates.
Rufus M. Jones.
Eliza B. Douglas.
Herbert O. Jepson.
William H. Douglas.
Henry Winslow.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Melvin M. Bailey.
Myra E. Frye.
Ruthanna H. Washburne.
S. Jane Cox.
Emma S. Briggs.
Mary E. Taber.
Sarah Marble.
Eliza P. Pierce.
Lettie M. Bailey.
Elenora S. Woodman.
Mary G. Winslow.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Chairman, Timothy B. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
Rec. Secretary, Ruth S. Murray, New Bedford, Mass.
Cor. Secretary, Charles M. Jones, Portland, Me.
Treasurer, William T. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.

Timothy B. Hussey.
Anna G. Wood.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Susan T. Thompson.
Alice C. Earle.
Huldah H. Leighton.
William T. Hussey.
Mary Wadsworth Jones.
Gulielma C. Wood.
Anna M. Hussey.
Charles M. Jones.
William Thompson.
Harriette D. Collins.
Ruth S. Murray.
Robert P. Gifford.
Olney T. Meader.
Martha E. Hoag.
Elizabeth K. Jones.
Henry D. Swift.

Auxiliary to the Committee on Foreign Missions from the several Monthly Meetings as follows:—

Rhode Island.	Mary Chace.	Frederick Gamache.
Greenwich.	Anna G. Baker.	Willis H. White.
Swansea.	G. Mahlon Chace.	Mary Alice Buffinton.
Providence.	Barker Newhall.	Phebe R. Gifford, 2d.
South Kingston.	Mary A. Gould.	William T. Collins.
Salem.	Henry M. Bubier.	W. Carleton Jones.

Amesbury.	D. Ellwood Maxfield.	Charles C. Jones.
Weare.	Henry Osborne.	Lizzie Sawyer.
Boston.	William Wood.	Alfred A. Allen.
New Bedford.	George R. Wood.	Nathaniel W. Gifford.
Sandwich.	Joseph Ewer.	Annie E. Ewer.
Dartmouth.	George Howland.	Lillie Gifford.
Westport.	Edward L. Macomber.	Annie M. Gifford.
Falmouth.	William Hacker.	Lizzie M. Frye.
Windham.	Sumner Varney.	Adelia L. Fellows.
Durham.	Henry Snow.	Amy Jones.
Lewiston.	Fordyce E. Farr.	Eva Dunham.
Smithfield.	Oscar J. Morse.	Elisha T. Read.
Uxbridge.	Erastus G. Bickford.	Ella L. Andrews.
Bolton.	Alfred H. Dow.	Elwood Wheeler.
Vassalboro.	George H. Cates.	Frank D. Taber.
China.	Fred Crosman.	Ellwood W. Jones.
Unity.	George Varney.	George Jones.
Maple Grove.	William Penn Varney.	Wilbur A. Estes.
Dover.	George I. Jenness.	Julia A. Meader.
Berwick.	Arthur M. Hussey.	Alton G. Butler.
Winthrop.	Alfred W. Hawkes.	Ellwood A. Bailey.
Sidney.	George B. Wing.	George Paddock.
St. Albans.	Jesse Chandler.	Irena Winslow.
Parsonsfield.	Abbie C. Leonard.	Harry M. Cobb.
No. Sandwich.	Joseph J. Cartland.	Leslie O. Meader.

COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

Chairman, William O. Newhall.
Secretary, Myra E. Frye.
Recording Secretary, Sarah J. Swift.
Treasurer, Samuel Buffum.

William O. Newall.
Augustine Jones.
John J. Frye.
Emeline H. Tuttle.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Joseph D. Wood.
Electa J. Collins.
Lizzie M. Hawkes.
Edward T. Tucker.
Sarah J. Swift.
Ellen K. Buffum.
Myra E. Frye.
Asa C. Tuttle.
Anna M. Gove.
Emma S. Briggs.
Samuel Buffum.
Mary D. Collins.
Susan H. Meader.
Almira B. Buffum.
John S. Kimber.
Jason T. Ficket.

Associated Executive Committee.

William O. Newhall.
Emeline H Tuttle.
Augustine Jones.
Myra E. Frye.

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Sec. and Treas., Robert P. Gifford.

Cyrus Jones.
Joseph E. Briggs.
Anna M. Hussey.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Gertrude W. Cartland.
George A. Barton.
Susan F. Hoxie.

ORGANIZATION OF GOSPEL COMMITTEE.

Chairman, David J. Douglas.
Secretary, Harriette D. Collins.
Treasurer, Joseph E. Briggs.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents of Gospel Work.

Rhode Island.	Phebe S. Aydelott.
Salem.	J. Ellwood Paige.
Sandwich.	William P. Macomber.
Falmouth.	Henry F. Newell.
Smithfield.	Salome C. Wheeler.
Vassalboro.	James M. Estes.
Dover.	Emeline H. Tuttle.
Fairfield.	Jesse McPherson.
Parsonsfield.	Silas H. Cartland.

At Large.

Joseph E. Briggs.
Harriette D. Collins.
David J. Douglas.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

Chairman, Benjamin F. Trueblood.
Secretary, George L. Crosman.
Treasurer, Thomas Wood.

For One Year.

Charles A. Chace.
Anna M. Gove.
George L. Crosman.
Sarah W. Newlin.

For Two Years.

Thomas Wood.
Timothy B. Hussey.
John J. Frye.
Melvin M. Bailey.

For Three Years.

Charles M. Bailey.
Joseph E. Briggs.
Phebe S. Aydelott.
Benjamin F. Trueblood.

Trustees.

Olney T. Meader, one year.
D. Wheeler Swift, two years.
Samuel Buffum, three years.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Yearly Meeting Superintendent, **Mary L. Chace**, of Fall River.

Secretary and Treasurer, **Marianna Gifford**, 70 Rock Street, Fall River, Mass.

Executive Committee, **Mary L. Chace**, **Geo. L. Crosman**, **Melissa S. Dearborn**.

General Committee.

Rhode Island, Thomas J. Battey, Marianna Gifford.
Salem, Geo. L. Crosman, Abbie H. Kelley.
Sandwich, Joshua L. Macomber, Sarah Taber.
Falmouth, Elbridge W. Packard, Anna J. Goddard.
Smithfield, Elisha T. Read, Alice M. Dow.
Vassalboro, Linwood W. Jones, Abbie P. Jenkins.
Dover, Clarence I. Pinkham, Elizabeth B. Lord.
Fairfield, C. Irving Bailey, Martha B. Osborne.
Parsonsfield, Thomas W. Hoag, Melissa S. Dearborn.

QUARTERLY MEETING SUPERINTENDENTS OF BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Rhode Island, Mary L. Chace.
Salem, Sarah D. Brown.
Sandwich, Sarah H. Taber.
Falmouth, Lewis M. Douglas.
Smithfield, Dorcas H. Babcock.
Vassalboro, Annie M. Briggs.
Dover, William T. Hussey.
Fairfield, Alfred W. Hawkes.
Parsonsfield, Cornelius Turner.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Rhode Island, Samuel R. Buffinton, Phebe S. Aydelott.
Salem, Owen Dame, Anna M. Gove.
Sandwich, John C. Taylor, Susan T. Thompson.
Falmouth, Charles M. Jones, Myra E. Frye.
Smithfield, Isaac Steere, Sarah J. Swift.
Vassalboro, William A. Jones, Emily S. Weeks.
Dover, William P. Tuttle, Almira B. Buffum.
Fairfield, Joseph E. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey.
Parsonsfield, Silas H. Cartland, Melissa S. Dearborn.

Financial Secretary.

Phebe S. Aydelott, 70 Rock Street, Fall River, Mass.

YEARLY MEETING CORRESPONDENTS.

Joseph Cartland, Newburyport, Mass.
Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.

COMMITTEE ON MOSHER FUND.

Alfred H. Jones.
Esther Jones.
J. Ellwood Paige.
Ruth S. Murray.
Sarah Marble.
I. Warren Hawkes.
Susan Peckham.
Samuel Buffum.

TRUSTEES OF MOSHER FUND.

Charles M. Bailey.
Olney T. Meader.
Owen Dame.

MINUTES

OF

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1894.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport, R. I., commencing Sixth Month 8th, 1894.

In accordance with the Minute of adojurnment of our Yearly Meeting last year, the Meeting convened in joint session, and the names of both Men and Women Friends were called.

At the close of the Morning Meeting the Representatives to the Women's Meeting were requested to meet and propose the names of Friends to serve as clerks.

At the joint session in the afternoon, Phebe S. Aydelott, on behalf of the Representatives proposed the name of Anna G. Wood for clerk, and Ruth S. Murray and Deborah P. Atherton as assistant clerks, whose names being separately considered were united with, and they were appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

THIRD-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 12TH.

Met in separate session according to adjournment.

Epistles from our beloved sisters in this and other lands, from London, Dublin, Canada, Baltimore, North Carolina, Indiana, Western and Iowa Yearly Meetings have been read, to our comfort and edification.

We have been specially impressed with the wise counsel given in regard to various subjects of deep interest to us. We trust its influence will remain, enabling us to show more powerfully in our lives the reality of our profession.

We unite with Men Friends in approving the action of Iowa Yearly Meeting, in establishing a Yearly Meeting in California, in the Third Month, 1895. It seems to us like the hand clasp of the East and the West.

A summary of the answers to the queries from our several

Quarterly Meetings has been read and a consideration of the state of Society as thus presented was entered upon.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

Answer 1. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held except forty, some of the meetings at Nantucket and a few not enumerated.

First day meetings are duly attended by the larger part of our members and near the appointed hour. Mid-week meetings are much neglected, but one meeting reports a great improvement in this respect.

Ans. 2. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained. Not wholly clear as to detraction. Endeavors are used to end differences when they arise, but not always as speedily as would be best.

Ans. 3. There has been a care manifested by most Friends to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to influence their children and others in accordance with our Christian profession; we feel, however, that greater faithfulness is desirable.

Ans. 4. Most Friends read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families, encouraging their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty. The Quarterly Meetings have endeavored, but have not been able, to ascertain the exact number of exceptions, though three report a definite number. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained with a few exceptions.

Ans. 5. Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Mostly clear as to the other parts of this query.

Ans. 6. The circumstances of the poor have received due attention, and care is taken to educate their children.

Ans. 7. Not clear as to military matters and oaths. Clear as to defrauding the public revenue.

Ans. 8. We think Friends are careful with a few exceptions to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, that they are also punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9. With little exception our records are well attended to. Some removals without certificates.

Ans. 10. There is a care to administer the discipline as queried after.

MINUTE ON STATE OF SOCIETY.

We cannot expect to receive the blessing of the Lord if we do not seek it. As the duties of the day open before us and we feel their magnitude, how restful is the promise, "As thy days so shall thy strength be." The dependence upon the Lord manifested by the prayers of the parents in family worship will be blessed to their children. In their early years they too may love and learn to look to Him for strength.

While careful to avoid formality in everything, we should teach the children from whom cometh our every blessing, and on sitting down to our meals encourage them to return thanks to Him for the daily recurring proofs of His fatherly care.

Our hearts were saddened by the reports in regard to the victims of intemperance. Surely it is a time for increasing earnestness in behalf of these. Let "every one build against his own house"; be careful that in the family there is a prayerful effort in teaching and encouraging the children to avoid this evil. The circle of influence will extend and we may hasten the day when the wall of prohibition may extend from one end to another of this our beloved country.

None are too old and none too young to look up to our Heavenly Father for ability for the service which He gives us the privilege of performing for Him. The church in which we are providentially placed should have our first love, our best work, and we should not avoid open doors even when these are contrary to our prejudices.

Let us be all-round Christians and let the broad blessed mantle of charity so envelop us that the meek and loving spirit of Christ may be seen in all our actions. A giving church is always a living church. The blessedness of giving should be taught, that even the children may feel that they own some some stock in the missionary work. What have we that we have not received from our God? Surely it is our bounden duty as well as our highest privilege to use for Him a portion of what He so liberally bestows.

The value of our separate session has been alluded to as schools for women for usefulness in the church and in the various religious and benevolent organizations of the day. The training here acquired has brought our women to the front in these movements. The young and the timid can speak before their sisters what may be on their hearts and thus be prepared for service in the more open meetings.

Friends were encouraged to carry the Gospel of Peace among soldiers and sailors, where there seems to be an opening to receive this doctrine. Among them are often to be found those who are convinced by their own experience of the evils of war.

Service on Memorial Day should not be withheld, when an opportunity presents for speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

We adjourned to meet in separate session at four o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Met according to adjournment.

The tenth Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been read with interest and satisfaction.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:

STATISTICS.

	Number of Auxiliaries.		Number of Members.	
	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
Rhode Island	6	6	116	114
Salem	5	5	116	132
Sandwich	4	4	77	61
Falmouth	4	3	84	39
Smithfield	2	2	43	46
Vassalboro	3	3	61	60
Dover	1	1	9	9
Fairfield	4	3	78	48
Parsonsfield	2	2	43	36
Total	31	29	627	545

Auxiliaries 29. Lost, 2; members 545. Lost, 82, Life-members 20.

Review Table of Statistics.

In 1886 we had 31 auxiliaries, with 617 members.
“ 1887 “ 29 “ “ 646 “
“ 1888 “ 27 “ “ 526 “
“ 1889 “ 25 “ “ 475 “
“ 1890 “ 24 “ “ 467 “
“ 1891 “ 33 “ “ 623 “
“ 1892 “ 33 “ “ 644 “
“ 1893 “ 31 “ “ 627 “
“ 1894 “ 29 “ “ 545 “

Since our last annual report was presented, our sister, Etta H. Johnston, has returned to her home in Plattekill, N. Y., in order to minister to the comfort and happiness of her aged and feeble parents, one of whom has since passed on in triumph to her heavenly home. We have greatly missed the letters that came to us monthly from Ramallah, and felt that we were not keeping in touch with the work as formerly; but our prayers have been constant, and we trust our interest undiminished. Susan T. Thompson writes to us as follows, under date of First Month 9th, '94:—

"Katie is reliable as ever, a real strength to the Mission, and Martha's bright face cheers us all. We find the school doing well. I have been much interested in some of the classes to-day. The first and second classes read in English with correctness, which would do credit to girls of the same age in New England. The spelling, afterward, puzzled them a little in the second class, but they were interested and eager to do well. I was surprised at the progress they had made since we were here before. The girls do a large part of the household work. Every morning they go to their various stations, dusting, making beds, etc., and each remains there till the teacher comes to see if the work is thoroughly done.

"As we look into the faces of our Training-Home girls and compare them with the untaught, untrained children around us here, we realize something of the great work American Friends are doing, not only for the present, but for the years to come, when we hope, through the grace of God, each girl will be exerting an influence for good, as a Christian woman, as teacher, wife, or mother, on all around her." When we consider, too, that our mission at Ramallah is the only American mission in Palestine, we should feel greatly honored of the Lord.

We believe the work E. H. Johnston is doing in this country, in her very interesting addresses, is helping to create a deeper earnestness in the cause. We continue the support of the two teachers, and also the girls in the Training Home, with the kindly assistance of other Yearly Meeting Boards, and individuals not of our denomination.

The experience of our sisters at the Kickapoo Mission has been varied. The teachers have been steadily and earnestly devoted to their work. A few months ago, through the influence of some bad people, the children were all withdrawn from the school for a short time. This was a cause of great grief to the workers, but their "extremity proved to be God's opportunity," for it gave them time to do a good deal of calling upon Indian families which they could not otherwise have done. Directly this trial came, the blessing of the Lord was wonderfully manifested. First, the young woman who did the laundry work and sewing was converted. Then the farmer, who was a backslider, after a long struggle, one night at family prayers, gave himself wholly to the Lord, and was gloriously saved. This was just two nights after the conversion of the laundress. Elizabeth Test writes in the Third Month: "We have short Bible Readings in the evening on subjects that we think will be helpful to us, and the presence of the Lord has been felt in such fulness that it has seemed like a little foretaste of Heaven. Not an unsaved soul in our band of workers, and day by day our spiritual strength is renewed, and His reviving work felt in our hearts."

In Fourth Month she writes that they have a few scholars, and are believing for more; also that a white boy fourteen years old, who had been long out of school, and who had been taken in by them at the earnest solicitation of his father and allowed to pay for his teaching in work, was converted when he had been with them but two days. E. Test wrote at that time: "I was feeling very sad that afternoon because more children did not come to school, and the conversion of the boy that First-day evening came to me as a fresh token of the love of Jesus, even though I did not get the children for whom I had been praying." And in Fifth Month she writes rejoicingly; "We now have eleven Kickapoos in school, nine dear little girls, and our two best boys back again. Others are talking of coming." She speaks also of a direct answer to prayer which has long been offered, in the conversion of a Kickapoo man, who gives a clear testimony, is believed by the missionaries to be saved, and is ready to be taught more clearly of the way, that he may know how to teach his people. We have great reasons for gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His wonderful dealings at the Kickapoo Mission.

Sixth Month 11th we hear of another conversion at Kickapoo station, and there are sixteen children in the school. And now we turn to the home work of our auxiliaries, four of which report observance of the first Sabbath in the month as a day of special prayer for missions. Last year the number reported was four. Much prayer has been offered by at least one auxiliary for the conversion of the Kickapoos, and God has heard and answered prayer. This auxiliary, which had for some time held a missionary prayer meeting the first First-day evening in each month, has for a time lost the privilege through the meeting-house being used for another organization. It is hoped that this difficulty may soon in some way be obviated. God hears and answers prayers, and a special promise is made to "any two" agreeing in the Holy Ghost, that what they ask shall be done.

Fourteen auxiliaries report attention given to the department of Missionary Literature, fifteen to Proportionate Systematic Giving, and thirteen to Junior and Juvenile Work, while one has all departments in charge of one superintendent. Doubtless all of these departments are needed, and should be pressed, if we are to have a growing interest.

The number of public meetings, sixty-five, has been larger than ever before. They have been reported from E. Vassalboro, So. Durham, Boston, Lynn, Swansea, Salem, Portland, Fall River, and doubtless other places not reported. Lynn has had at least four, — one on the subject of Giving, one addressed by Frances C. Sparhawk, on Indian work, one addressed by Lina B. Lunt, and one by Etta H. Johnston. The latter has also spoken in several other places, greatly to the increased interest of the work, as well as the increase of funds.

Various methods of raising money are reported, none of which seem objectionable. Systematic Proportionate Giving seems the best, and we hope that method is gaining ground.

Ramallah and the Indian Territory receive our first attention, but aid has also been extended to the Sea Island sufferers, North Carolina Mission, Meonah Home in Boston, the Hebrew Mission in Chigago, and Friend's Orphanage at Hoshangabod, India.

A Christmas donation of useful articles was sent to E. Test, and boxes to Ramallah, by our friends the Husseys and the Thompsons.

We mourn to-day the loss of one of our beloved Quarterly Meeting Superintendents, Dora E. Cartland, of Sandwich, N. H. Of her the Secretary writes, "We deeply feel the death of our dear sister. She was an earnest Christian worker through life, and went home rejoicing in her Saviour. Our loss is her eternal gain."

ELIZABETH T. LARKIN,
Corresponding Secretary.

In the review of this decade of successful work we can thankfully say, "What hath God wrought!" His Holy Spirit has blessed the labors of His earnest workers, and we rejoice in believing that many of the wild untutored children of the forest, as well as the residents of Bible lands, will bless the day when the glad tidings of God's free salvation was brought to them in the midst of their darkness and ignorance.

The Committee, appointed to select some Friends who shall serve as a Committee on Bible Schools the ensuing year, presented the names of Friends, who were approved and appointed to that service.

A report of the Committee on Social Purity has been presented and read. It is as follows: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL PURITY.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:

In presenting you, dear Friends, with our second annual report, we would say that our work the past year has deepened and intensified the conviction which led to our organization two years ago, of the very great need of earnest, consecrated effort on all Social Purity lines. The growing immorality among the young everywhere, especially in our schools, demands the wisest effort of Christian men and women.

Reports have been received from some of our Quarterly Meetings which we here present.

Vassalboro Quarter reports an effort to organize the work, and that local superintendents have been appointed by each Monthly Meeting. Forgetting that we have a Superintendent of Literature to whom they could apply, these dear workers have depended on W. C. T. U. literature, of which they have distributed twelve thousand five hundred and fourteen pages, also thirty-nine " My Promise " cards to children. They are also making arrangements to have the laws of the State of Maine regarding impure literature printed in suitable form for distribution, also for posting in post offices and other public places.

Sandwich Quarter reports individual labor with young girls and young mothers.

Fairfield reports a few tracts distributed, and some personal work.

Parsonsfield reports talks with individuals, and " upwards of twenty tracts distributed, which after being carefully read have been passed on to others."

Salem Quarter reports an all day and evening Social Purity Conference at Manchester, N. H., with a teachers' hour, a mothers' hour, a talk to young women, excellent papers read, an evening address, and a good deal of literature disposed of, also an afternoon and evening conference with the W. C. T. U., at Derry, N. H., with great blessing attending, and which opened the way for meetings of a religious nature the two following days.

An afternoon and evening conference has also been held at Peabody, Mass., in union with the Social Purity Committee of the local W. C. T. U. (which was also the case at Manchester) at which we had the privilege of listening to excellent addresses, papers, etc., and about fifteen dollars' worth of literature was sold. The beneficial results of conferences of Social Purity workers can hardly be over estimated; and it is most earnestly hoped that at least one such will be held in every Quarterly Meeting the coming year. One should be held in every particular meeting, at the very least.

The books distributed have been " A Song of Life," " For Girls," " A Study of Child Nature," Mrs. Henry's two excellent books entitled "Beforehand " and " Afterward," " Some Things Children Should Know," "Public and Personal Purity," " Unanswered Prayer," " Our Girls," " Boys and other Boys," " Teaching Truth," " Child Confidence Rewarded," " The Crowning Sin of the Age," etc.

It has been a very great help to have a little fund for the purchase of the many helps there are for the instruction of mothers and teachers, and those who have the care and training of young people. It has been money well expended. An edition of two thousand copies of a new leaflet, entitled, " Talks to Girls," has just been issued. This could not have been done but for the fund so kindly contributed.

It is hoped that much more work will be done in the coming year than has been heretofore. It is a crying need. The blessing of Him in whose sight even " the heavens are unclean," because He is Infinite Purity, rests upon the work, and He it is who calls us to it.

On behalf of the Committee,

ELIZABETH T. LARKIN,

Secretary pro tem.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE SOCIAL PURITY COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

Two collections at Portland	$26 50
Received from Trustees of Mosher Fund	10 00
Total	$36 50

EXPENDITURES.

2,000 copies of leaflet on "Dancing"	$7 50
2,000 " " "Talks to Girls"	7 50
Leaflets and books mentioned in general report as distributed and on hand	21 50
	$36 50
Total	36 50
Balance	$00 00

MARY ALMY CHASE, *Treasurer.*

We desire their encouragement in the prosecution of this much needed work of enlightening the minds of mothers and others, on this important subject.

We appoint Harriette D. Collins, Hannah Gifford, Susan H. Meader, and Hannah P. Ladd, a Nominating Committee to bring forward the names of Friends to constitute a committee for the ensuing year.

We unite with our Men Friends in accepting the proposition that "the Overseers of Monthly Meetings be members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight," *ex officio.*

We also unite with Men Friends in concluding to hold our next Yearly Meeting in Portland, Me.

We adjourn to meet in joint session at half past seven this evening.

FOURTH-DAY, SIXTH MONTH 13TH.

The Meeting assembled in separate session according to adjournment.

We unite with Men Friends in the appointment of a Committee on Temperance for the ensuing year.

The records of the Representative Meeting have been read and approved, and we unite with the Men's Meeting in referring the subjects, to which our attention was called, to the Representative Meeting.

The Nominating Committee, appointed for that service, have presented the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Social Purity.

We unite with Men Friends, in the appointment of Augustine Jones and Samuel Buffum, to represent us in Washington in the interest of the Indians, if the emergency of the case requires, and that they shall be empowered to call on the treasurer for needful expenses.

We unite with Men Friends in furnishing returning Minutes to the Friends who have attended this Meeting with credentials from their respective Meetings.

Interesting epistles to the sick and afflicted, to the young people, and to the children have been read, and we desire that they may carry comfort and instruction to those to whom they are addressed.

The Friends proposed to constitute a Representative Meeting have met our approval, and we unite with Men Friends in their appointment.

We unite with the Men's Meeting in the appointment of Samuel Buffum from Dover Quarterly Meeting, and Edward G. Dillingham and Susan F. Hoxie from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, as members of the Committee on Finance, to take the place of absentees at this time.

The Report of the Auditors has been read, and the names proposed for Treasurers have been united with.

We unite with Men Friends in expunging from the Book of Discipline the directions in regard to the time of holding the Meetings for worship on First-day during Yearly Meeting.

The subject of the advisability of a revision and reprint of the Book of Discipline, has been referred in conjunction with Men Friends to the Representative Meeting.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at three o'clock this afternoon.

Under a grateful sense of the Lord's love and power which has been evidently manifest in our gatherings this year, the Meeting concluded in joint session.

ANNA G. WOOD, *Clerk.*

REPORT ON PROPORTIONATE SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

In the department of Systematic Proportionate Giving, we think some advance is apparent. The Superintendent has entered into direct communication with the various auxiliaries, writing to the local superintendent, or when there is none, to the Corresponding Secretary. This plan involves more work and expenditure for the Superintendent, but the results, so far, seem more satisfactory than communication through the Quarterly Meeting Vice-Presidents. It gives a much better knowledge of the field, and questions and requests for advice come to the Superintendent, which would probably not have been sent through the Vice-President.

An effort has also been made to increase the distribution of literature on this subject, and a number of specimen tracts and leaflets have been sent out to the various auxiliaries. It is difficult to state the number sent, but about twenty-five different kinds have been used, in the endeavor to meet the various needs. It is suggested that, in some cases, to hand two or three tracts to a person with the request that they be *read* and *returned*, will secure a better attention to them than merely giving them.

The statistics have come in more promptly and fully than last year, though some are still indefinite. From them it appears that one hundred and thirty-one persons are in the practice of systematic and proportionate giving, while several auxiliaries have reported indefinitely, so that the number is probably nearly, if not quite, one hundred and fifty. If our members could only realize the discouraging work it is to make up reports while the statistics are sent in this indefinite way, it seems as if they would be willing to hand in their names to the local officers so that proper returns could be made. Your Superintendent must again reiterate the request that every auxiliary which has not yet done so should appoint a local superintendent. If all the auxiliaries were thus supplied, we believe the work would go forward more rapidly and successfully.

Respectfully submitted, D. P. ATHERTON,
Superintendent Proportionate Systematic Giving.

LYNN, Sixth Month 6th, 1894.

REPORT OF JUNIOR AND JUVENILE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS:

As the report of this department was accidentally omitted from the printed Minutes of last year, we will include some of its items of interest in our present report.

For the year ending Fourth Month 1st, 1893, there were fourteen Mission Bands under our care, with a membership of one hundred and sixty-four who contributed to our treasury the sum of $221.72.

For the year ending Fourth Month 1st, 1894, there have been twelve Bands with a membership of one hundred and thirty-three, who contributed $206.48. During the two years there have been some changes. The members of the Junior Band of Lynn, Mass., have joined the Women's Auxiliary, and the Juvenile Band of Lynn has given way to a Junior Christian Endeavor Society having a Missionary Committee. A similar change was also made at Brooks, Me.

At North Sandwich, N. H., the members of the Band have joined the Women's Auxiliary. These changes show the continued interest in Missionary work though in different channels.

While in some localities there is no report of progress, we have the work reorganized at Portland and Winthrop, Me., with very gratifying results, and the new Bands at North Berwick, Me., and Boston, Mass., are doing well, together with the older Bands who have been steadily and faithfully at work since the organization of this department.

In some places they are working for Ramallah Mission, and in others for the Kickapoo Indians. By direct communication with these Mission Stations our young people are gaining a happy interest in the work.

Respectfully Submitted,
SARAH D. BROWN, *Superintendent.*

AMESBURY, MASS., Sixth Month 2d, 1894.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.

RECEIPTS.

Interest on Nebraska Loan & Trust Co.	$12 00
“ “ A. F. Cox & Son, Note	5 00
“ “ Deposit in Augusta Savings Bank	2 28
For three Life Memberships	60 00
	$79 28

EXPENDITURES.

Paid H. J. Bailey, Interest on N. L. & T. Co.	$12 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ A. F. Cox & Son's Note	5 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ Deposit in Savings Bank	2 28
Cash on hand	40 00
Deposit in Augusta Savings Bank	20 00
Total	$79 28

Third Month 31st, 1894.

AMOUNT HELD IN TRUST.

Cash on hand	$40 00
In Augusta Savings Bank	60 00
Nebraska Loan & Trust Co.	200 00
A. F. Cox & Son, Note	100 00
	$400 00

For the Trustees,
M. G. WINSLOW.

WINTHROP CENTRE, 6th Month 1st, 1894.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and the vouchers for money paid out, and find them correct.

M. AUGUSTA BATTEY, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LITERATURE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS:

The statistics of this department for the year are as follows, viz.: —

No. of Auxiliaries having Libraries	7
" " " reporting no Library	18
" " " not reporting	4
" " " volumes in Libraries	56
Subscribers to *Missionary Advocate*	231

During the year there have been sent to the Local Superintendents of Literature throughout the Yearly Meeting three hundred and forty-five leaflets, or more than three thousand five hundred pages of reading matter, all bearing on subjects of interest to our missionary workers and including one copy to each auxiliary of the valuable praper of "Practical Suggestions" by Josephine M. Parker, who was, at the time of her death, Fifth Month 1st, Corresponding Secretary of our Missionary Union, and to whom fitting tribute is rendered in the *Advocate* for this present month.

We hope every member of our Society will read these "Suggestions" and try to put them in practice. . . .

While the number of subscribers to the *Advocate* is a slight increase over last year, it is still very small in proportion to our membership. During the past autumn a direct appeal was made to each auxiliary to make an effort to increase this number. Hoping, through this report, to reach not only every auxiliary, but every member, your Superintendent begs leave to make another earnest plea for a more liberal support of this paper, the only organ of our Missionary Union, the one channel of communication for all our Auxiliaries. . . .

There ought to be, and, to those who faithfully read them, there is, most stimulating encouragement in the regular monthly reports from the Yearly Meeting Secretaries. And not from our own Society only, but we receive the latest intelligence from mission fields, both home and foreign, the world over, with the accumulating blessed results of the labors of Christ's faithful ones.

Conscientiously-written editorials keep high standards ever before us, and exhort us to increased diligence and faithfulness.

Again, we may always find in our paper notices of the latest and best publications in Missionary Literature, volumes and leaflets, full of interest for private reading or for use in the Auxiliary, and helpful in the preparation of the Uniform Lesson, which is in itself a very important feature of the paper, bearing witness to much careful study and research on the part of those who arrange them.

No one who reads this paper regularly needs, we think, to be convinced of its value. Will not each of these try to get a half-year subscriber right away at the low price of twenty-five cents, and as many as possible for the whole of next year? So doing, we shall hold up the hands and gladden the hearts of the manager of the paper, we will furnish means for increasing its value and usefulness, and a last result, though not least, will be a great increase of interest among our members in all mission work, and a deeper sympathy with it.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN PECKHAM,
General Superintendent of Literature.

PROVIDENCE, Sixth Month 5th, 1894.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING *in account with* HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Treasurer.*

1893–4.			
	Notes of M. M. Bailey on hand belonging to the Indian Building fund . . .		$500 00
	DR.		
4th Mo.	To amount in Treasury when books closed,		$317 99
	Cash belonging to Building Fund . .		26 18
	Bible School collections	$136 06	
	Donation from a Friend	50	
5th Mo.	Indiana W. F. M. S. for support of Zarefie Audie per M. Jay, Treasurer . . .	65 00	
6th Mo.	Contribution from Avis Steere . . .	1 00	
	Collection at public Meeting in Portland .	50 78	
	Eunice A. Green, for day scholar . .	5 00	
	S. T. Thompson, membership fee . .	50	
	Samuel Buffum, Treasurer, Committee on Western Indians	15 00	
7th Mo.	M. M. Bailey, notes and interest . . .	541 70	
	Esther Jones, for tuition of a day scholar .	5 00	
8th Mo.	Collection public Meeting in Lynn . .	10 17	
9th Mo.	Lizzie Purdie (donation)	1 50	
	Mary T. Thomas, for Ramallah Building Fund (collection in Iowa and California),	10 00	
	D. P. Atherton and S. Wheeler, for special purpose	6 00	
	Martha Graves (donation)	1 00	
	Self Denial Fund for Jewish Mission in Chicago	25 00	
Amounts carried forward	. . . .	$874 21	$344 17

	Amounts brought forward	$874 21	$344 17
10th Mo.	Loan from Treasurer	300 00	
	Iowa W. F. M. Board, Mary J. Thomas, Treasurer	162 50	
	M. M. Bailey, on note	380 00	
1894. 3d Mo.	Mary T. Pyle, Treasurer Western Y. M. Board for Indian Mission	43 24	
	Donation from S. J. S.	50 00	
	D. P. Atherton (donation)	10 00	
	Lynn C. E. Society, for support of Indian children	26 00	
	Mary G. Winslow, Trustee	26 00	
	Hannah R. Wing, for Indians	2 00	
	Sarah S. and Lizzie M. Hawkes (donation),	2 00	
	Joseph Dearborn, Treasurer, C. E. Society of Friends School, Providence	65 00	
	A Friend, for Elizabeth Test	5 00	1,945 95
To amount received from Auxiliaries and Juvenile Bands in			
	Rhode Island Quarter	$307 40	
	Salem “	292 55	
	Sandwich “	124 62	
	Falmouth “	216 53	
	Smithfield “	172 83	
	Vassalboro “	137 00	
	Dover “	42 61	
	Fairfield “	189 77	
	Parsonsfield “	34 72	1,518 03
To receipts for life memberships		$60 00	60 00
	Total		$3,868 15

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From Fourth Month 1st, 1893 to Fourth Month 1st, 1894:

Paid salaries of Missionaries to the Indians,	$560 24
For benefit of Indian Missions other than salaries	522 24
Travelling expenses of L. B. Lunt	80 00
Eli and Sybil Jones Mission for support of scholars and teachers	1,640 00
A. W. Maxfield, for Corporation seal	7 00
Printing, postage and stationery	17 26
Simplex Printer for Corresponding Secretary,	4 00
Superintendent Department of Literature	5 00
Amount carried forward	$2,835 74

Amount brought forward	$2,835 74	
Note of M. M. Bailey	567 88	
William T. Hussey for tuition of day scholars	25 00	
William T. Hussey for Ramallah Building Fund	10 00	
Trustees of Permanent Fund	60 00	
Paid Treasurer for a loan	300 00	
Samuel Beck, for support of Effie E. Swan, at Friends' Mission in India	25 00	
Superintendent Department Systematic Giving	5 00	
Ellen W. Longstreth, Treasurer for Jewish Mission, Chicago	25 00	
		$3,853 62
Amount on hand Fourth Month 1st, 1894		14 53
		$3,868 15
Balance of note of M. M. Bailey, belonging to Indian Mission Building Fund		$187 88

Reports have been received from the treasuries of local auxiliaries in North Sandwich, Newport, Swansea, Amesbury, Long Plain, Providence, Lynn, Boston, Bolton, Dartmouth, Portland, Unity, and Hallowell, all of which were satisfactory.

Unity, Me., reports having donated $2.50 to purchase goods for Ramallah Mission; Lynn reports goods sent to Ramallah amounting to $12, and Providence reports goods forwarded to Ramallah amounting to $10.50 and goods sent to the Indian Territory, the estimated value of which was $72.90. The Treasurer of the Salem Auxiliary reported one box of goods sent to Ramallah and one box to Indian Territory.

We have received during the year $222.86 from the juvenile bands, which shows an increased interest among the children, which is encouraging.

Three life members were received during the year. The list now stands as follows:—

Elizabeth T. Larkin.
Caroline Alice Jones.
Hannah B. Farr.
Etta H. Johnston.
Ruth S. Murray.
Ellen K. Buffum.
Mary H. Robinson.
Mary E. Gifford.
Mary S. Macomber.
Hannah G. Sherman.
Hannah J. Bailey,
Mary R. Osborne.
Huldah H. Leighton.
Anna G. Wood.
Emeline H. Tuttle.
Lydia E. Sawyer.
Phebe S. Aydelott.
Sarah J. Swift.
Elizabeth Austin Gifford.
Lina B. Lunt.

Respectfully submitted.

HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Treasurer.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 11th, 1894.

I have examined the foregoing accounts with the vouchers for money paid out, and have found them correct.

M. AUGUSTA BATTEY,
Auditor.

The following-named Friends have been appointed as officers of the Society for the ensuing year: —

President — PHEBE S. AYDELOTT, 70 Rock Street, Fall River, Mass.
Vice-Presidents at Large — MYRA E. FRYE, Woodford's, Me.; RUTH S. MURRAY, Grove Street, New Bedford, Mass.
Corresponding Secretary — ELIZABETH T. LARKIN, 72 Central Street, Peabody, Mass.
Recording Secretary — ABBY M. C. BREED, 27 Beach Avenue, Lynn, Mass.
Treasurer — SUSAN H. MEADER, 634 Warren Street, Roxbury, Mass.

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND.

For one year — ANNA M. GOVE, Seabrook, N. H.
For two years — MARY G. WINSLOW, Winthrop Centre, Me.
For three years — HANNAH J. BAILEY, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Auditors — M. AUGUSTA BATTEY, Providence, R. I.; ELIZABETH W. SWAN, 2 Derne Street, Boston, Mass.

QUARTERLY MEETING VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Rhode Island — ADALINE F. CHACE, Fall River, Mass., Box 55.
Salem — ANNA M. GOVE, Seabrook, N. H.
Sandwich — ELIZABETH A. GIFFORD, Adamsville, R. I.
Smithfield — SARAH J. SWIFT, 22 Oak Avenue, Worcester, Mass.
Dover — ALMIRA B. BUFFUM, North Berwick, Me.
Falmouth — MIRIAM C. WEBBER, Lisbon Falls, Me.
Vassalboro — ELIZA P. PIERCE, East Vassalboro, Me.
Fairfield — LIZZIE M. HAWKES, Manchester, Me.
Parsonsfield — MARY L. COBB, Parsonsfield, Me.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Proportionate and Systematic Giving — DEBORAH P. ATHERTON, Uxbridge, Mass.
Literature — HANNAH P. LADD, Providence, R. I., Box 453.
Junior and Juvenile Work — SARAH D. BROWN, 22 Highland Street, Amesbury, Mass.

BOX COMMITTEE.

Chairman — MARY B. JOHNSTON, 469 Cumberland Street, Portland, Me.
ISABELLE D. CHASE, Cherry Street, Lynn, Mass.
OLIVE H. WEEKS, Friends' School, Providence, R. I.

COMMITTEE ON THE SUBJECT OF SOCIAL PURITY.

ORGANIZATION.

Chairman, ELIZABETH T. LARKIN.
Cor. Sec'y, ADELINE F. CHACE.
Rec. Sec'y, H. ELIZABETH JONES.
Treas., MARY ALMY CHASE.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Mary Almy Chase.
Mary C. Baylies.
Salome C. Wheeler.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Mary A. Chase, Manchester, N. H., Box 124.
Elizabeth T. Larkin, Peabody, Mass.
Mary C. Baylies, 74 Bedford Street, New Bedford, Mass.
Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.
Abbie P. Jenkins, E. Vassalboro, Me.
Martha B. Osborne, Manchester, Me.
Melissa S. Dearborn, E. Parsonsfield, Me.
H. Elizabeth Jones, Amesbury, Mass.
Adeline F. Chace, Fall River, Mass., P. O. Box 355.
Angeline McPherson, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Adeline P. Briggs, Phenix, R. I., care Hoxie Bros.
Eliza B. Douglas, Lisbon Falls, Me.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

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1. The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was held Sixth Month 10th, 1864, at 7.30 P. M. at Newport, R. I.

2. In the absence of the President, the Meeting was called to order by the Secretary, and Fred C. Dearborn, Vice-President of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, was called to the chair.

3 The meeting was opened by singing, followed by Scripture reading and prayer by J. Lindley Spicer from New York Yearly Meeting.

4. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and accepted.

5. The delegates from the local societies were as follows, viz.: —

Somerset. — Charles F. Leslie, Frank E. Jones, E. Mahlon Chace, Luella E. Jones, Harold Jones, Adeline F. Chace.

Salesville. — Herbert E. Briggs, Archibald Renfreid, Myra Meader, Sadie E. Pitts.

Boston. — Ruth C. Wood, Martha Hoag, Lyra Trueblood, Georgia Birdsall.

Lynn. — Abbie M. C. Breed, Alice B. Paige, Mary S. Paige, Jennie M. Atkins, William O. Breed, Jennie T. Bishop, Harriet E. MacLean, Elmer E. Metzger.

Lawrence. — Stephen Swett, Sarah Swett.

Westport. — Edward L. Macomber, Annie M. Gifford, Edward G. Wood, Simon W. Luther.

Smith's Neck. — Phebe A. L. Smith.

Allen's Neck. — Mary Gifford, Maud Gifford, Lillie Gifford.

Portland. — Fred C. Dearborn, J. T. Fickett, Hannah Fickett, William Watson, Elizabeth M. Frye.

South Durham. — Mary Robinson, Isaiah Douglas, Henry F. Newell, Emma M. Newell.

Lewiston. — E. W. Packard.

Woonsocket. — Leander Fisher, Oscar J. Morse, Mabel Hotchkiss, Nellie Phillips, Etta Treu, Elisha T. Read.

Bolton. — Alice M. Dow, Samuel Wheeler, Alice Wheeler.

South China. — Linwood W. Jones, Willis C. Hawes.

East Vassalboro. — Emily S. Weeks, Anna Taber.

Oak Grove Seminary. — Herbert Goddard, Sibyl Stanley, Gerta Biglow.

Parmenter Hill. — Frank Thurston, Lillie Thurston, Walter Toby.

Hallowell. — Lizzie A. Church.

Sidney. — William A. Hoxie.

West Gardiner. — Martha B. Osborne.

North Fairfield. — Mabel E. Jones, Lizzie E. Hoxie.

Of these forty-three were present. The Friends School at Providence was also represented by delegates.

6. We then listened to a very interesting address on "The Value of the Pledge," by William Shaw, Treasurer of the United Society of Christian Endeavor.

7. Mary J. Weaver gave us a few minutes' talk on "Systematic Giving," followed by an interesting account of a flourishing Christian Endeavor Society at Jerusalem by Etta H. Johnston.

8. A collection was taken amounting to twenty-eight dollars and seventy cents.

9. The following statistical report of the Recording Secretary for the year ending Fifth Month 15th, 1894, was read and accepted :—

STATISTICAL REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY FOR YEAR ENDING FIFTH MONTH 15TH, 1894.

NAMES OF QUARTERS.	Rhode Island.	Salem.	Sandwich.
Number local Societies in your Quarter	Three.	Six.	Four.
Number organized during past year,	....	One.	....
Number C. E. Quarterly Meeting Conferences held	....	One.	....
At what places	....	Lynn.	....
Special needs, if any	Many needs.	General stirring, that we may all live up to our pledge and be faithful.	At A. N. Need of improvements in work and methods.
General condition of work	Doing all that is practicable.	Very favorable. Increase in numbers and spirit.	Good condition. Soc. at N. B. discontinued for the present.

NAMES OF LOCAL SOCIETIES.	Somerset.	Fall River.	Salesville.	Boston.	Lynn.	Amesbury.	Lawrence.	So. Pittsfield.	Salem.	No. Weare.	Westport.	Smith's Neck.	Allen's Neck.	New Bedford.
Number of Active Members	30	11	33	19	46	16	53	No Report.	26	A Union Society. Cong. and Friends.	16	28	36	No. No meetings have been held this Winter because the members are working in other departments of Meeting work.
Number of Associate Members	4	1	7	1	4	6	4		2		4	35	9	
Number who are Friends	30	9	11	19	28	19	42		11		12	9	13	
Number who have become Friends since 5-15, '93	—	1	2	None.	0	0	3		1		None.	None.	None.	
Have you a Junior C. E Society	Yes.	No.	No.	No.	Yes.	No.	No.		No.		No.	No.	No.	
If so, of how many members	20	—	—	—	13	—	—		—		—	—	—	
Do you contribute systematically for Missions.	—	Yes.	—	Yes.	Yes.	No.	No.		No.		No.	No.	Yes.	
If so, for Home or Foreign work	Blue Ridge Mission.	Indians.	—	Home, Indians.	Foreign, Indians.	—	To Indians.		—		—	—	Foreign.	
How many Members read the Golden Rule	2 copies.	All occasionally.	—	Ab't 10	18	9	25		One family.		None.	10	None.	
Is your Society Auxiliary to the U. S. of C. E.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.		Yes.		Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY FOR YEAR ENDING FIFTH MONTH 15TH, 1894. — *Continued.*

NAMES OF QUARTERS.	Falmouth.	Smithfield.	Vassalboro.
Number local Societies in your Quarter..	Three.	Two.	Seven.
Number organized during past year,	None.	1 Junior.	Two.
Number C. E. Quarterly Meeting Conferences held................	Two.	None.	One.
At what places	Durham & Lewiston.	....	E. Vassalboro.
Special needs, if any...............	....	Standfastness.	Question not understood.
General condition of work..........	Good interest and increasing membership.	Improving since a union of members.	Good working order, earnestly seeking the Master's will.

NAMES OF LOCAL SOCIETIES.	Portland.	South Durham.	Lewiston.	Woonsocket.	Bolton.	South China.	West China.	Unity.	East Vassalboro.	Oak Grove.	Parmenter Hill.	Lake View.	Brooks.
Number of Active Members........	30	39	47	25	18	32	12	17	37	19	25	28	A Union Society. Friends and Baptists.
Number of Associate Members.....	None.	6	0	28	6	0	9	3	17	7	10	5	
Number who are Friends...........	28	28	36	17	16	25	14	14	32	9	—	10	
Number who have become Friends since 5-15, '93....................	1	None.	7	3	0	0	5	—	—	—	—	5	
Have you a Junior C. E. Society...	One just started.	No.	No.	Yes.	No.	—	—	No.	No.	No.	No.	—	
If so, of how many members.......	—	—	—	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Do you contribute systematically for missions....................	No.	No.	Yes.	No.	No.	—	—	No.	Sometimes, no.	No.	—	—	
If so, for Home or Foreign work...	—	—	Western Indians.	—	—	—	—	—	For both.	—	Home.	—	
How many members read the Golden Rule....................	7	11	0	About half.	None.	—	None.	None.	—	—	None.	1	
Is your Society Auxiliary to the U. S. of C. E.........................	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	No.	Yes.	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY FOR YEAR ENDING FIFTH MONTH 15TH, 1894. — *Concluded.*

NAMES OF QUARTERS.	Dover.	Fairfield.	Parsonsfield.	Friends School.	Totals.	Totals last year.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
Number local Societies in your Quarter..........................	No Societies in this Quarter.	Six.	No Societies in this Quarter.	....	31	24	7		
Number organized during past year,		Three. Four.		....	6	7			
Number C. E. Quarterly Meeting Conferences held		One.		....	5	3			
At what places.....................		North Fairfield.		....					
Special needs, if any................		None, except the need of Endeavorers meeting with State and other Conventions.		....					
General condition of work.........		Good. Helpful to the work of the Church.		....					

NAMES OF LOCAL SOCIETIES.	Dover.	Hallowell.	Sidney.	Augusta.	West Gardiner	North Fairfield.	Manchester.	Parsonsfield.	Friends School.	Totals.	Totals last year.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
Number of Active Members........		29	25	Not reported.	17	24	Not reported.		Not reported.	658	577	81		
Number of Associate Members.....		7	8		16	5				132	146		14	
Number who are Friends...........		19	11		13	11				493	387	106		
Number who have become Friends since 5-15, '93..................		—	4		2	7				41	49	—	8	
Have you a Junior C. E. Society....		No.	No.		No.	No.				3				
If so, of how many members.......		—	—		—	—				55	56	—	1	
Do you contribute systematically for Missions		No.	No.		No.	No.				5	—	—	—	
If so, for Home or Foreign work....		A little for Home.	—		—	—				—	—	—	—	
How many members read the Golden Rule.....................		—	7		None.	—				—	—	—	—	
Is your Society Auxiliary to the U. S. of C. E.		Yes.	Yes.		Yes.	Yes.				—	—	—	—	

10. The following report of the Treasurer was read and accepted:

LAWRENCE, MASS., Sixth Month 6th, 1894.

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE NEW ENGLAND FRIENDS' Y. P. S. C. E. FOR THE YEAR ENDING SIXTH MONTH, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

6th Mo.	10th,	1893,	Received from Ex-Treasurer	$45 41	
“ “	“	“	Collection at Yearly Meeting	20 77	
3d “	12th,	1894,	Cash from Helen H. Seabury	2 00	
“ “	28th	“	“ “ Society at Smith Neck	2 00	
4th “	1st	“	“ “ “ “ West Gardiner,	1 00	
“ “	9th	“	Check “ “ “ Portland	5 00	
“ “	“	“	Money Order “ “ Bolton	1 50	
“ “	“	“	Cash from “ “ Allen's Neck	1 00	
“ “	20th	“	“ “ “ “ South Durham,	2 50	
“ “	22d	“	Postal Note “ “ North Fairfield,	75	
“ “	30th	“	Cash from “ “ Unity	1 00	
6th “	2d	“	“ “ “ “ Lawrence	2 50	
“ “	“	“	“ “ “ “ Boston	1 00	
“ “	“	“	“ “ “ “ Fall River	1 00	
					$87 43

EXPENDITURES.

6th Mo.	12th,	1893,	Paid organizer for current expenses,	$20 00	
10th “	27th,	“	“ “ “ “ “	20 00	
2d “	1st,	1894,	“ “ “ “ “	15 00	
“ “	24th,	“	“ L. M. Binford for postage, etc.,	7 00	
			Balance on hand	25 43	
					$87 43

ACCOUNT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR INDIAN MISSION WORK.

RECEIPTS.

Third Month 27th 1894. Received of Bible School at Gonic, N. H.	$8 00	
Fourth Month 2d. Received of Society at Lewiston,	3 00	
Fifth Month 28th. Received of Society at Portland,	20 10	
“ “ 31st. Received of Society at Fall River	10 65	
Sixth Month 2d. Received of Society at Lawrence,	5 00	
		$46 75

EXPENDITURES.

Third Month 27th, 1894. Sent Hannah J. Bailey check from Gonic, N. H.	$8 00	
Balance on hand	38 75	
		$46 75

WILLIAM A. GODDARD, *Treasurer.*

Several Societies reported having sent money direct to the mission field, instead of through the Treasurer.

11. The following report of the organizer was read and accepted. It is as follows: —

To the Annual Meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the New England Yearly Meeting:

It is with hearts filled with gratitude to God, that we acknowledge His blessing on Christian Endeavor work within our limits the past year.

Your organizer has addressed three Quarterly Conferences, and several other large public meetings in the interest of the work during the year, and while he has found many things to discourage in southern New England, yet in central and eastern New England the work has gone blessedly forward. Six new societies have been formed, and one that was practically dead has been reorganized. One feature of the work we wish especially to speak of.

Three of the largest societies that have been organized the past year, or during the three years we have been Organizer, have been in places where, before the Gospel Committee went, in the name of Christ, a few months ago, it looked as though it would be impossible to start a Y. P. S. C. E. unless young people were imported from some other locality; but when God gets to work we find plenty of young people, if not in our own society, outside, and that need saving, and, when saved, make good Christians and good Friends. In one of these places over fifty charter members were enrolled. What has been done in a few places, can be done all over New England.

May God speed the revival work; also the Y. P. S. C. E. work, and may they go hand in hand.

Your Organizer,

FRANK E. JONES.

12. The following report of the Superintendent of Junior Work was read and accepted. It is as follows: —

To the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of New England Yearly Meeting:

The past year has been one in which failures as well as victories have struggled to win.

It was with difficulty that our Junior Department was continued a year ago. It did not seem as if any one would undertake that work, but thanks be unto Him who does give us the victory, we did at last see light ahead.

Early in January our President suggested that an effort be made to organize Junior Societies at two other places: after some delay a Society was formed at Woonsocket, R. I., with twenty-three members, also one at Portland, Me., with eleven members. Including the Societies already reported last year, we have nearly one hundred Junior Endeavorers.

May we not take courage and press onward that many more little ones may thus early be brought unto Christ, who said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God"?

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH M. FRYE,
Superintendent of Junior Work.

13. The report of the Executive Committee was read, and the officers therein named elected for the coming year, with the exception of Emily Weeks who resigned, and whose place will be filled by the above Committee.

The officers are as follows: —

President. — LINDLEY M. BINFORD, Saco, Me.
Secretary. — HARRIET E. MACLEAN, 10 Marianna Street, Lynn, Mass.
Corresponding Secretary. — JENNIE T. BISHOP, 40 Ireson Avenue, Lynn, Mass.
Treasurer. — FRED C. DEARBORN, 44 Winter Street, Portland, Me.
Organizer. —
Superintendent Junior Work. — ELIZABETH M. FRYE, Woodfords, Me.

QUARTERLY MEETING VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Rhode Island. — ADELINE CHACE.
Salem. — MARY S. PAIGE.
Sandwich. — MARY I. GIFFORD.
Falmouth. — L. FRANK JONES.
Smithfield. — OSCAR J. MORSE.
Vassalboro. — LINWOOD W. JONES.
Dover. — CLARENCE I. PINKHAM.
Fairfield. — LIZZIE A. CHURCH.
Parsonsfield. — ALICE MEADER.

14. The following delegates were appointed to attend the International Convention at Cleveland: Abby H. Kelley, Sibyl Stanley, Oscar J. Morse.

It is understood that all attending the Convention from our Society shall be delegates.

15. The report of George L. Crosman, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions appointed a year ago was read and accepted and the Committee discharged.

16. J. Lindley Spicer brought greeting from the Christian Endeavor of New York Yearly Meeting.

17. It was decided that the Societies in their report to the Secretary each year be requested to give amount given to Missions and to what Mission sent.

18. It was decided that a committee be appointed to present to Local Societies the interests of the Mexican Kickapoo Indians, inviting the Societies to send to our Treasurer contributions for this work.

The Committee consisted of the following: Martha Hoag, Elisha T. Read, Myra E. Frye.

19. The meeting was then adjourned.

FRED C. DEARBORN, *Chairman.*

HARRIET E. MACLEAN, *Secretary.*

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OF THE

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FOR

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The attention of Quarterly and Monthly Meetings is particularly directed to the following Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, viz. :—

Minute No. 19.	Educational Report.
Minute No. 27.	Gospel Work.
Minute No. 29.	Church Extension.
Minute No. 38.	Peace Report.
Minute No. 39.	Finance Report.
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Minute No. 74.	Ministry and Oversight.
Minute No. 81.	One set of Answers to Queries.

The attention of the Representative Meeting is called to Minutes Nos. 62 and 63 of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting for 1895.

MINUTES OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in joint session at Portland, Me., commencing on Sixth-day Sixth month 14th, 1895.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.: —

From Rhode Island — Charles C. Varney, Phebe R. Gifford, Catharine Greene, Esther Chace, Obadiah Chace, Ellen K. Buffum, Susan Peckham, Eunice Greene, Benjamin Greene, Augustine Jones, Samuel R. Buffinton, Charles W. Earle, Cynthia J. Earle, Henry C. Aydelott, Phebe S. Aydelott, Charles E. Dore, Jane E. Dore, Robert P. Gifford, Frank E. Jones, Charles Estes, M. Augusta Battey, and Joseph H. Atwater.

From Salem — Joseph Cartland, Charles H. Jones. Gertrude W. Cartland, William O. Newhall, Daniel C. Maxfield, Alice W. Maxfield, Ellen M. Osborne, John Ellwood Paige, H. Elizabeth Jones, Peter M. Neal, Olney T. Meader, Mary E. Newhall, Mary A. Crosman, John F. Chase, Mary B. Swan, Thomas Wood, Mary Almy Chase, Charles H. Thorndike, George L. Crosman, and Susan H. Meader.

From Sandwich — Ruth S. Murray, Anna G. Wood, Esther D. Macomber, Mary C. Baylies, Harriet S. Davis, Cynthia A. Kirby, Susan M. Seabury, Abbie H. Cornell, Lydia Gifford, Hettie K. Davis, Elizabeth C. Wing, Jane G. Fisher, William P. Macomber, Edward G. Dillingham, Stephen R. Wing, Edward G. Wood, Benjamin H. Kirby, Barnabas Holway, John A. Macomber, Joshua L. Macomber, John C. Taylor, and Philip A. Cornell.

FROM FALMOUTH — Nathan Douglas, Jehu Newlin, Reuben T. Jones, Edward C. Jones, George H. Farr, Alice W. Hawkes, John J. Frye, Sarah W. Newlin, William H. Varney, Osborne J. Hoffman, J. Hacker Hall, Mabel Hoffman, Phebe R. Cartland, Lucy R. Goddard, Myra E. Frye, Mary A. Maxfield, Lucy A. Hawkes, William E. Watson, and Abbie J. Cook.

FROM SMITHFIELD — William P. Pinkham, Deborah P. Atherton, D. Wheeler Swift, Henry D. Swift, Salome C. Wheeler, Sarah J. Swift, Isaac Steere, Alice M. Dow, Calvin R. Rockwood, and Rebecca A. Rockwood.

FROM VASSALBORO — Alfred H. Jones, Albert Pinkham, Mary R. Jones, James C. Pierce, Eliza P. Pierce, James M. Estes, Mary C. Jones, William A. Jones, Elizabeth K. Jones, Annie M. Ray, Sylvena Prescott, Henry H. Goddard, J. Albert Jones, Lizzie J. Estes, Emma F. R. Goddard, Exie Estes, John Jones, and Annie Nichols.

FROM DOVER — William P. Tuttle, George Estes, Almira B. Buffum, William B. Ware, Almena Nutter, Lydia M. C. Tuttle, Otis Meader, Charles E. Peaslee, Samuel Buffum, Emeline H. Tuttle, Albert C. Buffum, and Anna M. Evans.

FROM FAIRFIELD — Jesse McPherson, Joseph E. Briggs, Orlando C. Williams, I. Warren Hawkes, Levi Jones, Daniel C. Robbins, Henry Winslow, Ernest W. Bowery, Augustus F. Morse, George B. Wing, Phebe M. Wadsworth, Hannah J. Bailey, Mary C. Hawkes, Mary W. Jones, of Winthrop Centre, Mary W. Jones of Winthrop, Olive M. Tuttle, Mary G. Winslow, Martha B. Osborne, Angelina McPherson, and Sarah G. Wadsworth.

FROM PARSONSFIELD — John B. Cartland, Silas H. Cartland, Cornelius Turner, Melissa S. Dearborne, Martha E. Hoag, Lizzie S. Hoag, Joseph S. Remick, and Leslie O. Meader.

Whose names being called, one hundred and forty-one were in attendance and ten absent, for the absence of four of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

3. We have, at this time, the acceptable company of our friends, Seneca H. Stevens and Ellison R. Purdy from New York Yearly Meeting; David J. Lewis from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Silas F. Strout from Iowa Yearly Meeting; Lindley A. Wells and Barclay Jones from Kansas Yearly Meeting, and John Henry Douglas from Oregon Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements with us. We have also the acceptable company of our dear friends in the ministry, Susie Norris and E. Jay Lord of Ohio Yearly Meeting, and Elias G. Minard from New York Yearly Meeting. We give them all a cordial welcome.

4. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings, with returning Minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following committee, viz: William P. Pinkham, Alfred H. Jones, William O. Newhall, John J. Frye, Edward G. Wood, Alice W. Maxfield, Phebe S. Aydelott, and Mary C. Baylies.

5. We appoint Levi Jones, Robert P. Gifford, Joseph E. Briggs, Daniel C. Maxfield, William A. Jones, Alice W. Maxfield, Anna M. Gove, Susan E. Peckham, a committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date, to propose a sum of money to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also to propose a Friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School at Providence, and another for Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro.

6. We have received epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, except London.

7. We appoint the following a committee to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries and present it at a future sitting, viz.: William P. Macomber, Robert P. Gifford, Charles H. Jones, Elizabeth K. Jones, Tacy P. Hawkes, H. Elizabeth Jones, Charles W. Webber, Lucy R. Goddard, and Bessie T. Wing.

8. We have read at this time, to our edification, an epistle from our dear friends of Ireland.

9. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz: —

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Rhode Island and Providence Monthly Meetings in the appointment of eleven Associate Members to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. It has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in re-establishing the Preparative Meeting formerly known as "Lower Smithfield" (discontinued in 1877) under the name of Saylesville Preparative Meeting, and held on Fourth day preceding the said Monthly Meeting, commencing with a meeting for worship at 7.30 P. M., and with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in discontinuing the Meeting for worship at Hopkinton, except on the First day previous to the holding of the Monthly Meeting at that place.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of ten Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; with Amesbury Monthly Meeting in the appointment of sixteen Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; with Weare Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lucy Ellen Collins to the station of Elder, and with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Eliza Ann Butler to the station of Elder, and six Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The hour of holding Salem Monthly Meeting in the Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Months of the present year has been changed to 7.30 P. M.

Amesbury Monthly Meeting in Tenth Month will hereafter be held at Amesbury, Mass., instead of Epping, N. H., at the usual time.

Amesbury Monthly Meeting held at Epping in the seventh Month will be at 2 o'clock P. M.

Amesbury Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in Tenth Month will be held at Amesbury on Fourth day preceding Monthly Meeting at 2 P. M.

The time of holding Boston Monthly Meeting is changed to the second Sixth day in the month at 7.45 P. M., excepting in the Sixth Month, when it is held the first Sixth day following the session of the Preparative Meeting. The Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at 10.30 A. M. of the day of those Monthly Meetings next preceding a Quarterly Meeting.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary Abbie Swift to the station of Elder; with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Alice C. Winslow, and with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Edward T. Tucker, Mary C. Baylies, Thomas F. Hafford, and Mary Hafford to the station of Elder; also with their several Monthly Meetings in the appointment of thirty-nine Associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in addition to twenty-six *ex-officio* members of the same Meeting, making a total of sixty-five. (Two of this number have deceased since their appointment.)

We are united in requesting that our Quarterly Meeting in the First and Fourth Months shall convene at 11 A. M. instead of 11.30, as at the present time.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Myra E. Frye. Charles W. Goddard, a minister and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, has removed within the limits of Kansas Yearly Meeting. William H. Varney has been appointed correspondent of Windham Monthly Meeting. P. O. address, North Windham, Maine.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Bolton Monthly Meeting in the appointment of three associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of D. Marshall Babcock, D. Wheeler Swift, and Sarah J. Swift to the station of Elder, and also in the appointment of two associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in deciding to hold all its Meetings at Worcester, and in changing the time to 7.30 P. M. on the Fourth day preceding the last Fifth day in the month.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Annie M. Ray, also in the appointment of Elizabeth V. Prescott and Harriet L. Hoxie to the station of Elder, and with Vassalboro, Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public Ministry of Henry H. Goddard, and appointing nineteen associate members to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. It has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in changing the place of holding said Meeting from East Vassalboro to Vassalboro, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Months, and with Unity Monthly Meeting in holding said Meeting at Brooks in Sixth, Eighth, and Tenth Months.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary W. Jones of Winthrop Centre, Angeline McPherson, and Olive M. Tuttle to the station of Elder, and with the same Meeting in the appointment of fifteen associate members to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The hour for holding the mid-week Meeting at Manchester and West Gardiner has been changed from 10 A. M. to 7 P. M.

It is united in requesting that the Quarterly Meeting in Ninth Month be held in Winthrop instead of at St. Albans, as at present.

10. In accordance with the direction of our last Yearly Meeting, the several Quarterly Meetings have appointed a Finance Committee, whose names will appear under "Standing Committees" in the Minutes of this Yearly Meeting.

11. The Quarterly Meetings have each appointed a Quarterly Meeting Superintendent of Bible Schools, whose names will appear under "Standing Committees" in the Minutes of this Yearly Meeting.

12. We are informed that all the Quarterly Meetings have directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting their respective quotas of Yearly Meeting stock.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

From Third Month 1st, 1894, to Third Month 1st, 1895.

	STATISTICS OF MINISTERS, ELDERS AND ASSOCIATES.			STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.												STATISTICS OF CHILDREN.				
	No. of Ministers.	No. of Elders.	No. of Associate Members.	No. of Members reported last year.	Error in last year's Report. — Gain.	Error in last year's Report. — Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number of Members.	No. of Children between 4 and 21.	No. of Children between 12 and 21.	No. attend'g School.	No. attend'g School taught or control'd by Friends.	No. between 12 and 21 attending School taught or controlled by Friends.
Rhode Island .	21	27	25	857	1	0	5	13	9	2	33	8	34	9	882	156	85	115	12	11
Salem.........	13	33	36	689	–	–	2	10	13	6	18	4	13	–	702	126	80	89	15	14
Sandwich	14	20	38	553	–	–	3	13	3	2	1	1	–	9	544	86	44	44	16	12
Falmouth.....	25	40	2	614	–	–	6	13	11	13	17	11	–	6	608	111	57	91	6	6
Smithfield	10	26	11	308	–	–	1	7	5	2	10	12	6	11	303	34	17	22	6	6
Vassalboro....	17	48	15	471	–	–	6	6	1	5	14	16	–	6	465	50	38	38	8	6
Dover	6	18	11	192	2	0	0	7	0	0	2	0	0	3	189	31	13	25	6	5
Fairfield......	9	36	21	538	–	–	4	7	5	2	14	6	8	–	546	65	40	35	5	5
Parsonsfield ..	6	7	8	152	–	–	2	1	0	0	2	5	0	2	150	29	17	20	5	3
	121	255	167	4374	3	0	29	77	47	32	111	63	61	46	4389	688	391	479	79	68

Names of Ministers (Deceased.)	Date of Death.	Age in Years, or in what Year of his Age.	Meetings to which they belonged.
Mary Hoag	Second Month 10th, 1895.	89th	Sandwich Monthly Meeting.
Stephen Cartland	Fifth Month 19th, 1894.	72d	Uxbridge Monthly Meeting.
Sarah B. Goddard	Third Month 4th, 1895.	67th	Vassalboro Monthly Meeting.

(NOTE.) Charles H. Jones and H. Elizabeth Jones, Ministers received by certificate from New York Yearly Meeting.

Names of Elders (Deceased).	Date of Death.	Age in Years.	Monthly Meetings to which they belonged.
Susannah Mott	Eighth Month 30th, 1894.	76 years and 8 months.	Rhode Island.
Sarah Almy	Fourth Month 15th, 1894.	80th year of her age.	Rhode Island.
Sarah F. Tobey	Fifth Month 25th, 1894.	88th year of her age.	Providence.
Daniel Meader	Tenth Month 6th, 1894.	69th year of his age.	Providence.
Mary Ann Folsom	Sixth Month 18th, 1894.	78th year of her age.	Amesbury.
Mary W. Goddard	Twelfth Month 10th, 1894.	53d year of her age.	Boston.
Maria B. Smith	Twelfth Month 30th, 1894.	89th year of her age.	Dartmouth.
Nathan Pope	Fifth Month 3d, 1894.	74th year of his age.	Windham.
Helen M. Hacker	Tenth Month 13th, 1894.	59 years.	Durham.
Elwood S. Bailey	Third Month 30th, 1895.	36 years.	Durham.
Esther B. Taber	Fifth Month 29th, 1894.	75 years.	Vassalboro.
Louisa L. Osborne	Second Month 28th, 1895.	73 years.	Vassalboro.
Nancy H. Pinkham	Fifth Month 25th, 1894.	71 years.	China.
Eunice W. Farr	Ninth Month 9th, 1894.	86th year of her age.	Winthrop.
Mary F. Bailey	Second Month 28th, 1895.	80 years and 7 months.	Winthrop.
Lavina M. Pope	Third Month 9th, 1895.	82 years and 2 months.	Winthrop.
Eunice D. Cartland	Eleventh Month 15th, 1894.	64 years and 5 months.	Sandwich.
Gulielma M. Purinton	Twelfth Month 16th, 1894.	72 years and 10 months.	Dover.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

SIXTH-DAY AFTERNOON, SIXTH MONTH 14TH.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

14. The Representatives, through their Clerk, presented the following report, which is accepted and approved by the Meeting, and the friends therein named are appointed to the respective services for the ensuing year.

The Report is as follows : —

PORTLAND, SIXTH MONTH 14TH, 1895.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

At the time appointed the Representatives met in joint session.

They were united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting the name of Timothy B. Hussey for Clerk and John Elwood Paige for Assistant Clerk of Men's Meeting.

Our dear friend Anna G. Wood presented her request to be released from the duties of Clerk, and after a unanimous expression of grateful appreciation of her many years of service, the proposition was united with, and Ruth S. Murray was named for Clerk and Deborah P. Atherton Assistant Clerk of the Women's Meeting.

On behalf of the Representatives,

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Clerk.*

15. The Representatives also proposed the names of the following Friends for a Standing Committee on Nominations to serve the Meeting this year, to whom all appointments shall be referred, each Quarterly Meeting's Representatives proposing two names, viz :

Charles W. Earle.
Elizabeth A. Gifford.
William O. Newhall.
Susan H. Meader.
John A. Macomber.
Bessie T. Wing.
Lucy R. Goddard.
J. Hacker Hall.
D. Wheeler Swift.
Alice M. Dow.
Eliza P. Pierce.
Henry H. Goddard.
William P. Tuttle.
Almira B. Buffum.
I. Warren Hawkes.
Mary G. Winslow.
John B. Cartland.
Melissa S. Dearborne.

The names were approved and the Friends were appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

16. The committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence presented the following report, which was interesting to the Meeting.

We rejoice in the blessing which has rested on the labors of those connected with the school, and trust the seed sown may bring forth much fruit in after years to the glory of God.

The appointment of a committee to have charge of this work is referred to the Nominating Committee.

REPORT OF PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To The Yearly Meeting:

In presenting this the Seventy-sixth Annual Report of the Friends' School at Providence, the Committee have gratefully to acknowledge that the health of the school has been excellent throughout the entire year. Both the educational and the religious interests have been fully sustained. The number of those who for the first time have taken some public part in the meetings for worship, and in other distinctive ways have given evidence of a decision for Christ, has been more than in some past years, and in this respect a full average has been maintained.

The various religious meetings, including the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, with the Bible School instruction and the more private labor performed, have accomplished the purpose designed in creating and fostering a genuine Christian influence, and in inciting the minds of the students to enter the service of their Divine Master; and we believe the spiritual atmosphere of the Institution has never been more marked. While the effort and design have been to teach a broad unsectarian Christianity, care has ever been taken that the standard of our Religious Society should not be lowered. In taking a retrospect of this feature of our work, and trusting in the promised blessing of our Lord, we have the conviction that the seed sown will bring forth a harvest even more abundant in the years to come. There were not less than twenty professions of a change of heart and life during the year from persons who had not previously expressed religious interest.

The recent changes in the house and furniture have greatly increased the comfort of the family, and by the introduction of more light and pure air have in a great degree contributed towards the health of the household and its educational progress.

The barn and outside buildings have been reconstructed, and the animals belonging to the Institution have thereby been rendered more comfortable. We have felt that in these matters our educational institutions ought not to be behind the most advanced appreciation of, and kind regard for, "our dumb animals."

The question of taxation continues to come before the Legislature of Rhode Island, and to give us great anxiety. But it looks more and more each year as though the question would be settled upon the present basis, and that we might soon hope for relief in this trying cause. It is a very vital question in the life of the school.

The subject of heating and improved ventilation in the entire buildings has been under consideration for many years, and we have been prevented from proceeding by the large sums demanded for taxes and for various required changes; but the way seems to open now for a beginning, at least, upon this long-needed improvement.

A new gymnasium is much needed, for which subscriptions to the amount of one thousand dollars have already been made, and it is to be hoped that further contributions for a gymnasium and its equipment will soon be forthcoming from the friends of the Institution, but it must give place at present to more necessary exactions and requirements.

The financial condition of the country is felt by the school. The result of every panic in the monetary world is to reduce the students of the private schools and fill up the public schools where it costs nothing for tuition. Endowments for scholarship are very much needed and would greatly extend the usefulness of the school. The foundation is well laid; the grand superstructure which it will properly support demands ample and judicious endowments, that it may maintain the worthy position it has attained and take on its natural growth and progress.

The number of scholars for the year has been.

Boarders	145
Day Students	11
Day Art Students	21
Total	177

Officers of Government and Instruction.

Augustine Jones, A. M., LL. B., Principal, and Political Science.

Edward H. Weeks, B. P., Governor, and English Studies, and Calisthenics for Boys.

Evelyn Barrows, B. S., Preceptress, and English Studies.

Thomas J. Battey, A. M., Natural Science.

Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.

Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.

Walter S. Meader, A. M., Higher Mathematics.

H. B. Knox, A. B., Greek and Latin.

Charles R. Jacob, A. B., Modern Languages.

Helen L. Thomas, English Studies.

Charlotte A. Slocum, English Studies.

Lizzie M. Palmer, Primary Room.

Eliza D. Gardiner, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.

Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.
John H. Lindsey, A. B., English Studies.
Robert Bonner, Instrumental Music.
Etta A. Corbin, Calisthenics for Girls.
Sidney R. Burleigh, Special in Water Colors.
Zechariah R. Tucker, Special in Mechanical Drawing.
Jules Ruérat, L. P., Conversation in French.
Hannah G. Ryder, Secretary and Book-keeper.
Bertha F. Tucker, Librarian.

Lecturer.

Thomas J. Battey, A. M., Natural Science.

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the school, per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund, $75. Credit to a member of any other Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same fund, of $25. And a further credit to any member of the New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $75. The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, or German, of $10; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

Providence, Fifth Month 28th, 1895.

Note. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 11th, 1895, and the Spring Term begins Second Month 5th, 1896.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, Eighth Month 6th, 1895.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Eighth Month 6th, 1895.

Applications should be sent to the Principal, Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.

STATEMENT OF SETTLEMENT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING SEVENTH MONTH 1st, 1894.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England:

RESOURCES.

Charitable Scholarship Fund	$1,800 00	
Elizabeth Frye Fund for Scholarships	1,500 00	
Stephen T. Olney, " " "	2,287 50	
P. J. Tripp, " " "	150 00	
General " " "	4,500 00	
Day Scholars' Tuition	984 50	
Auxiliary Studies	3,590 06	
Board and Tuition	39,658 56	
		$54,470 62

EXPENDITURES.

Salary account	$17,014 53	
Wages account	11,362 89	
Provisions	10,989 75	
Repairs and Renewals	4,303 75	
Improvements	1,146 82	
Fuel	1,476 41	
Light	1,001 81	
Water	714 37	
Advertising	837 91	
Library	433 27	
Papers and Periodicals	56 73	
Incidentals	247 58	
Debts considered bad	387 62	
Balance to Repairs and Depreciation	4,497 18	
		$54,470 62

J. H. CHACE,
ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
CHARLES SISSON,
EDWARD T. TUCKER,
THOMAS WOOD,
} *Auditors.*

REPORT OF THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We have sold one lot of land during the past year to the City of Providence for a High School site, the same containing 36,000 square feet of land, and received for it the sum of . . . $14,400 00

land, and received for it the sum of	$14,400 00	
Less expenses	298 11	
		$14,101 89
Paid to the Treasurer of Providence Friends' School Funds, this balance		$14,101 89

Our organization has been the same as the year previous.

ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
Clerk of the Real Estate Committee.

17. It is the conclusion of this Meeting that the Real Estate Committee shall in future consist of six members, three of whom shall constitute a *quorum* to transact business, and this committee shall be chosen annually in the same manner as other Standing Committees.

18. The report of the Committee in charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute was presented to the Meeting, and accepted with feelings of thankfulness that the young people of this school have been so favorably placed for their spiritual and mental training.

The nomination of a committee to have the charge of this work is referred to the Nominating Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

In presenting their Eleventh Annual Report the Committee in charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute thankfully acknowledge their belief in the truth of the inspired words, "All things work together for good to them that love God."

The school year commenced under very favorable conditions. With a principal and matron who enjoyed the confidence of all who were in any way interested in the school, with an excellent corps of teachers and an unusually large attendance of pupils, the fall term was among the most successful in the history of the school. The winter term commenced with a large attendance and progressed satisfactorily until the eighth week, when a disease, pronounced by the attendant physicians to be scarlet fever, broke out in the school. At its first appearance several of the boarders left; the day scholars were all removed and the school placed under strict quarantine, which was continued until the close of the term. There were twelve cases, all of a very mild form and requiring but little medical treatment. The usual routine of school work was continued with very little interruption. The principal and teachers labored assiduously to deprive this legal restraint of its unpleasant features. A feeling of content if not of happiness prevailed, and (with a single exception) all the forty-seven pupils not previously converted gave their hearts to Jesus in a covenant that we pray may not be broken.

At the close of the term the building with all its furniture was thoroughly disinfected under the direction of a Board of Health, but the fear of contagion tended to reduce the attendance at the spring term. It numbered ninety-one and the health of the school was excellent. The entire attendance for the year has been one hundred and forty, the largest since the school became the property of the Yearly Meeting. Commencement exercises were held in the old Friends' Meeting House near the school, which was simply but tastefully decorated for the occasion. The graduating class numbered ten — four boys and six girls — all of them active Christians. The essays were highly creditable to the class, both in thought and delivery.

We thankfully acknowledge the addition to the funds of the school of one thousand dollars presented by our dear friend S. Jane Cox as a memorial gift in memory of her deceased husband, Augustus F. Cox, who is held in affectionate remembrance by those who were associated with him in other days in the care of this school. The work of each year at Oak Grove demonstrates more fully the wisdom of the Yearly Meeting in adopting this child in the East.

The school under its present management is doing a work in which Friends all over New England may well rejoice. Our membership is scattered over a large territory, and highly as we prize our Boarding School at Providence, very few children in the eastern Quarterly Meetings can enjoy its privileges. There are schools supported by other branches of the Christian Church around us. Now, in the midst of them, beautiful for situation on the bank of the Kennebec, we have a school of superior grade, strong in the confidence of Friends and also of the public, where our children can be placed with assurance that their religious as well as their educational interests will be carefully guarded and promoted, and from which there go out each year young men and women with correct views of Christian doctrine as held by Friends, with love for the church with which they have been associated and, best of all, with love for Him whom we reverently acknowledge as the Head over all things to the Church.

Officers and Faculty.

Henry H. Goddard, A. M., Principal and Mathematics.
Wilbur A. Estes, A. B., Languages.
Sibyl Stanley, B. S., Science.
Harriette D. Collins, Governess, History and English.
Herbert B. Cole, Commercial Department.
Emma F. R. Goddard, Primary Department.
Kate R. Smith, Instrumental Music.
Jessie B. Hubbard, Vocal Music.
Sarah D. Lang, Painting and Drawing.

Address
HENRY H. GODDARD, A. M., *Principal*,
Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute,
Vassalboro, Maine.

On behalf of the Committee,
CHARLES M. BAILEY, *Chairman.*
I. WARREN HAWKES, *Clerk.*

Portland, Sixth Month 13th, 1895.

TREASURER'S REPORT, OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE, 1894 and 1895.

RECEIPTS.

6th Mo. 8th.	By balance from last year	$689 76	
"	" Board and Tuition	5,826 67	
"	" Interest on Endowment Fund	678 61	
"	" Cash from State Treasurer	800 00	
"	" Cash from Endowment Fund	1,350 00	
"	" Cash from S. Jane Cox	1,000 00	
"	" Cash from Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer	575 00	
"	" Cash from Macomber, Farr & Co.,	20 00	
			$10,940 04

EXPENDITURES.

To Salary account	$2,604 98	
" Wages	510 75	
" Scholarship	301 88	
" Repairs and Renewals	877 17	
" Provisions	1,749 31	
" Fuel	597 39	
" Lights	53 27	
" Incidentals	243 67	
" Foreclosures	150 35	
" Taxes	258 47	
" Premium on Insurance Policy	225 00	
" Cash paid Trustees	1,700 00	
		$9,362 24

Balance on hand	$1,577 80
Amount payable to Endowment Fund	1,650 00
Excess of expenditures over receipts	$72 20

JOSEPH E. BRIGGS,
Treasurer.

We have examined the Treasurer's account with vouchers and found them correct.

GEORGE L. CROSMAN,
HANNAH J. BAILEY,
Auditors.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 13th, 1895.

19. The following report from the Committee on Education was received and accepted.

We hope that those to whom is entrusted the care of training our young people will bear in mind the suggestions contained in it.

The nomination of a Committee on Education is referred to the Nominating Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England:

The Committee on Education has, during the past year, endeavored by the undivided efforts of its members to promote the cause of education in different parts of the Yearly Meeting. The organized efforts of the Committee have, however, extended far beyond our own limits.

The Committee appropriated thirty dollars soon after its appointment last year for the purpose of securing articles on education from prominent members of our Society to be published in the *American Friend.* As a result of this action five able and practical articles were secured which presented in a fresh and attractive way some of the necessities and benefits of education.

The publication of the valuable statistical account of the Friends' schools and colleges in the United States and Canada, which appeared in the *American Friend* of Sixth Month 6th, 1895, was also made possible by the appropriation of the Committee. While the influence of these articles has been felt far beyond the borders of our own Yearly Meeting, it has seemed to the Committee that more of our members could be reached through the instrumentality of this paper, which ought to be in every Friend's home, than in any other way.

Your Committee would urge, as it did last year, the importance of a liberal Christian education. Education has always been a handmaid of Christianity, a handmaid the life of which the church has in many a dark age fostered with especial care. Our Heavenly Father is, in the century in which we live, removing more rapidly than ever before, the seals which have long rested upon the doors of many realms of truth, and in no age was it so necessary as it is now that the minds of Christians should be well trained and abreast of truth everywhere, if they would so reach the world that Christ shall be all in all.

The apprehension of truth, the proper balance of the various aspects of truth, and the effective expressions of truth in character and in Christian effort, may all be greatly aided by proper mental training. God, in his providence, is opening for Friends opportunities to influence the thought of Christendom as never before, if we but had the thinkers capable of ministering efficiently to the needs of the time. Our youth ought to receive a training so liberal that should any be called to such a noble work, the Master would find them vessels prepared and meet for His use.

In the face of the fact that in nearly every State in the Union efforts are being made to introduce a military training into the public schools, Friends ought, we feel, to maintain and patronize at all cost our own schools. Sacrifices may often be necessary on the part of some in order to do this, but in a cause so sacred as the training of the young in the principles of the gospel of peace no sacrifice is too great.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE A. BARTON,
Chairman.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 14th, 1895.

TREASURER'S REPORT, COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from former account	$36 38	
From Swansea Monthly Meeting	2 35	
From Salem Monthly Meeting	5 38	
From Dartmouth Monthly Meeting	1 00	
From Boston Monthly Meeting	96	
From Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	4 00	
From Uxbridge Monthly Meeting	2 00	
From Providence Monthly Meeting	5 00	
		$57 07

EXPENDITURES.

To Rufus M. Jones, to be used in payment for articles on Education for *American Friend*	$30 00
	$27 07
Balance in hand	

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 1895.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SEVENTH-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 15TH.

The meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

20. The joint epistle from New York Yearly Meeting was read, to our edification.

21. Our beloved friend Fernando G. Cartland presented a minute from Poughkeepsie Monthly Meeting, New York, expressing unity with him in his proposed visit to New England Yearly Meeting.

Edwin Bedell, a member of the same Meeting, also presented a letter of introduction from his friends. We welcome our brothers among us.

22. We have also with us our brother Fred C. Rogers, as a fraternal delegate from the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He brings to us the loving greetings and the cordial good wishes of the body which he represents. We have enjoyed this interchange of Christian fellowship, and rejoice in the fresh demonstrations of the truth, " One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

23. The Nominating Committee presented the names of the Committee on Correspondence: Rufus M. Jones, Adeline L. F. Daniels, and others.

24. They also presented names for a committee to have charge of the Friends' School at Providence, and the names of a Committee on Education.

These nominations were approved by the Meeting, and the Friends are accordingly appointed to these services. Their names will be found under " Standing Committees."

25. Tables of statistics sent from our Quarterly Meetings have been summarized.

The request that there should be some information on the subject of collegiate education and a revision of the statistical blank was referred to the Committee on Education.

26. The Committee appointed last year to represent us at Washington in behalf of the Aborigines of our country presented a report, and also a copy of the Memorial which they sent to the members of Congress.

Their labors were satisfactory to the Meeting, and the necessity for the services no longer existing the Committee are released.

27. The Committee on Gospel Work presented their report, which shows much earnest work for the Master in the different parts of the Yearly Meeting. The Meeting accepts the report with thankfulness for what has already been done, and would continue the work for the coming year with the desire that even greater efforts may be made in the promotion of the cause of Christ.

The subject of the appointment of a committee to whom this work may be referred was left to the Nominating Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

DEAR FRIENDS:

The small Committee on Gospel Work entered upon the service to which they were appointed, under a solemn sense of the responsibility resting upon them.

As we look back over the work of the year, while we regret that no more has been accomplished, yet our hearts are filled with gratitude to God that his blessing has so manifestly rested upon nearly every meeting. The membership in many meetings has been wonderfully blessed, and united as never before in their efforts to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom. Individual souls have heard the call to a higher and holier life.

Workers have found not only whitened fields awaiting their coming, but have heard from every side the old, old cry, "Come over and help us." We have sent back the same sad word, "The laborers are few."

The following extracts taken from reports of the superintendents of the Quarterly Meetings show, as far as we are able, the work of the Committee.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, Phebe S. Aydelott, Superintendent. Meetings visited, Greenwich, Providence, Saylesville, Newport, Portsmouth, Fall River, Swansea, and Freetown.

One series of Meetings held at Fall River, consisting of twelve Meetings. One at Saylesville, seven Meetings. Thirty-two Meetings without continuous service. Thirty-eight families visited. One professed renewal.

Three series of Meetings, not under the auspices of this Committee, have been held in this Quarterly Meeting with good results.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, Henry F. Newell, Superintendent. Meetings visited, Portland, Windham, Casco, Lewiston, Bowdoin, and Durham.

Two series of Meetings, one of twenty-four Meetings held at Windham, one at Durham, twenty-two Meetings. Seven Meetings visited without continuous service. Families visited, fifty-eight. Two professed conversions and renewals.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, Salome C. Wheeler, Superintendent. Number of Meetings, five. Eighteen Meetings have been held by Gospel Committee. While there is little to report, it is with gratitude that we acknowledge the faithful labor performed by local workers.

Salem Quarterly Meeting, J. Elwood Paige, Superintendent. Number of Meetings, eleven. Names of Meetings visited: Lawrence, Mass.; Lynn, Mass.; Epping, N. H.; East Lynn, No. Weare, So. Weare, So. Pittsfield. One series of Meetings held at Lynn, twelve Meetings. Five Meetings have been visited without continuous service. Fifty-three families visited. Seven professed conversions.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, William P. Macomber, Superintendent. Encouraging reports received. The Lord has truly blessed the work done, so that there is great rejoicing in many homes, and some of the small Meetings are putting on new life.

Nine series of Meetings have been held. Number of Meetings, two hundred and ten. Families visited, one hundred and seventy. Professed conversions and renewals, seventy-seven.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, Jessie McPherson, Superintendent. The Meeting at Fairfield reports that by members of Gospel Committee twenty-three Meetings have been held, thirty-three calls made, three conversions reported, and the membership greatly revived and blessed. Attendance at their Meetings increased. Hallowell, forty-four Meetings held. Family visits, twenty-two. Professed conversions and renewals, twenty-four.

Two series of Meetings have been held at St. Albans. Meetings comprising them, twenty-nine. Calls made, twelve. Conversions and renewals, eleven.

Winthrop, two series of Meetings; seven Meetings in each. Families visited at Augusta, Readfield, and Winthrop, thirty.

One Meeting supplied with Ministry three consecutive months.

Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting, Silas H. Cartland, Superintendent. There are four Meetings in this Quarter. Thirty-four days have been given to gospel work by members of Committee. One hundred and six family visits paid during the year. Besides the established Meetings a Sabbath evening Meeting has been held. Five Bible Readings given. Fifty-eight dollars raised for the work. Some conversions have been reported. Two members added to the church.

Dover Quarterly Meeting, Emeline H. Tuttle, Superintendent. Meetings visited, Dover, Meaderboro, and Gonic. Three series of Meetings held. Comprising the series, Dover twelve, Gonic three, and Meaderboro twelve. Five Bible Readings given. Eight-four family visits have been paid. Two professed renewals.

Faithful service performed in this Quarter by ministers and others not under the auspices of the Committee. No pecuniary assistance received from Gospel Committee, each Meeting having cared for their workers. Fifty dollars raised for carrying on the work. North Berwick, Bible Reading.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, James M. Estes, Superintendent. In this Quarterly Meeting great good has been accomplished by home workers as well as others. Having themselves received the "bread of life" they have gone out in the freshness of their love and called others in to share with them. At Parmenter Hill Schoolhouse twenty-one Meetings held, good work done, believers strengthened and encouraged. Pigeon Plains, twenty-one Meetings held. At Unity a series of Meetings, continuing five weeks. From China and Vassalboro thirty Meetings reported.

In the whole Quarter ninety-one calls made, ninety-one dollars raised, and ninty-seven Meetings were held. Professed renewals and conversions, fifty-four.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

Number of Meetings visited	29
Series of Meetings	30
Meetings comprising them	573
Family visits	655
Meetings without continuous service	413
Number of professed conversions and renewals	151
Bible Readings	20

Superintendents have performed their work, we believe, faithfully, at how great an expenditure of time and strength cannot be estimated; and the discouragements met with when unable to find workers to enter the open fields none can tell. We acknowledge, nevertheless, the blessing of Him who commanded His followers to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

We recommend that the work be continued under the care of a committee, and that the Yearly Meeting appropriate two thousand dollars for their use.

For the Committee,

HARRIETTE D. COLLINS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK, 1894 AND 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Received from Amesbury Monthly Meeting	$12 50
" " Rhode Island " "	20 50
" " Durham " "	6 00
" " Bolton " "	14 50
" " Boston " "	44 90
" " Salem " "	120 80
" " Swansea " "	87 15
" " Providence " "	13 00
" " Winthrop " "	92 89
" " Sandwich " "	5 00
" " Vassalboro " "	9 25
" " Smithfield " "	25 00
" " St. Albans " "	5 21
" " Uxbridge " "	54 00
" " Falmouth " "	21 61
" " Berwick " "	10 00
" " Westport " "	15 00
" " Dartmouth	4 34
" " Sidney	5 00
" " Dover	3 00

Received from Weare	2 00	
" " Silas H. Cartland, Supt.,	58 50	
" " A. D. Aldrich	10 00	
" " A. F. Morse	2 00	
		$642 15

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid Superintendent and others	$371 50
Balance on hand	$270 65

JOSEPH E. BRIGGS, *Treasurer.*

SIXTH MONTH 15th, 1895.

Adjourned to three o'clock this afternoon.

SEVENTH-DAY AFTERNOON, SIXTH MONTH 15TH.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

28. Our friend Peter W. Raidabaugh attended this meeting, with Minutes from Western Springs Monthly and Chicago Quarterly Meetings, expressing unity with him as a minister.

A cordial welcome is extended to our brother.

29. The Church Extension Board presented its first report, which was accepted by the meeting. We unite in the desire expressed in the report, that the Board may become " an agency in broadening, deepening, and strengthening the influence of the Society of Friends in New England."

The Nominating Committee was requested to supply the vacancies occurring this year in the committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

Immediately upon its appointment at last Yearly Meeting the *Church Extension Board* held a meeting at Newport and organized, with Benjamin F. Trueblood, as Chairman, George L. Crosman, Secretary, and Thomas Wood, Treasurer. As soon after that as seemed feasible, viz., on the 29th of Tenth Month, another meeting of the Board was held in Boston, which was attended by eleven of the fifteen members and trustees.

By mutual consent the Board and Trustees were organized as one body, and the Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, with Phebe S. Aydelott, and D. Wheeler Swift, were appointed an Executive Committee to act in the interim between sessions of the full Board. At this meeting it appeared that the sum of $144 had already been contributed towards current expenses of the work. The subject of securing a permanent fund was considered, and five friends offered to give $500 each towards such a fund, on condition that a total sum of $10,000 could be raised. Timothy B. Hussey was appointed to visit Quarterly Meetings and solicit further subscriptions for the fund. It was also decided to issue a circular letter setting forth the advantages and necessities of the work. Such a letter was prepared, and 1,200 copies were printed and distributed by mail throughout the Yearly Meeting, a portion being sent into every Monthly Meeting. While the circulars have not apparently resulted in swelling our permanent fund, we have received evidence that they served to awaken an interest in the work of the Church Extension, and our Treasurer has received during the year pledges of contributions to the amount of $305 for current needs, of which $271 has been collected and expended.

The Executive Committee has met several times during the year, and has taken such action as seemed desirable regarding various avenues of work opened up to us.

In the early part of the year favorable opportunity was presented for assisting the Meeting at Meaderboro, N. H. Joseph G. Smith, of Lynn, spent a short time there last fall with encouraging results, and his service was followed by Silas F. Strout, who has remained there until the present time. During the year the Meeting has increased in attendance from only ten or twelve to seventy-five or one hundred, and the Bible School in a similar proportion.

While our Board has contributed $135.54 towards the work at this place, the Friends and others attending the meeting have raised fully as much more. The results obtained at Meaderboro are indicative of what might be done in many places in the Yearly Meeting had we the necessary workers and funds to use.

Consideration has been given to the needs felt by Friends at North Weare for building up the work in that place. After some correspondence one member of our Executive Committee visited North Weare and held a conference with the Friends regarding measures that might be adopted to this end, and although the best plan is not yet decided upon we think in time something can be accomplished.

We have also had correspondence with Friends at South Pittsfield where help is wanted, and where a gospel worker ought to be located at an early day. At Lawrence, Friends are in much need of a house of worship and are making strenuous efforts to build one. A lot has been secured already and funds are being solicited for the house. Our Board has contributed $100 towards the building fund at Lawrence and would be glad to give more if able, as we believe the Friends at Lawrence well deserve encouragement of a substantial nature.

We have also been in correspondence with individual workers with a view to finding those available, and suited to fields of labor where such are wanted. While we have felt the necessity of funds we have been strongly impressed with the lack there is of available workers. There are many fields ready for cultivation and growth could we find efficient laborers to put into them.

We believe the Yearly Meeting has no work of greater importance than this of extending its influence to neglected communities, and of giving assistance to Meetings which are struggling under adverse conditions. One of the benefits to be realized from the creation of the Board is already seen in increased effort on the part of small meetings to help themselves when encouraged by assistance from the Yearly Meeting. We have received letters from individual Friends living remote from any Friends' Meeting, from workers seeking fields of labor, and from communities of Friends needing help, which indicate that with sufficient funds and workers at its disposal the Board might soon become an agency in broadening, deepening, and strengthening the influence of the Society of Friends in New England.

We feel that of necessity the work accomplished during this first year has been largely prospective, and that perhaps as much has been realized as could reasonably be expected. With the work well organized we hope sufficient funds will soon be placed at the command of the Board to meet all requirements made upon it.

If out of a membership of over four thousand there could be found one thousand Friends in the Yearly Meeting who could contribute $10 each per year for the use of this Board (or five hundred who would give $10 each, and one thousand who would give $5) we would be able to spend $10,000 every year towards assisting in the building of meeting-houses where there are none now, and of sustaining meetings in localities where they have been partially or wholly discontinued.

May our love for Christ prompt us to make our Society of the greatest possible efficacy in proclaiming the everlasting gospel to whole communities right here within our own borders who are living without God and hope of salvation.

As the time has expired for which four members of the Board and one trustee were appointed, we are united in asking that the Yearly Meeting fill the vacancies thus created.

On behalf of the Board,

GEORGE L. CROSMAN, *Secretary.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 13th, 1895.

TRUSTEES' REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

Cash in the Worcester Institution for Savings	$20 00

For the Trustees,

D. WHEELER SWIFT.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 14th, 1895.

TREASURER'S REPORT, CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

RECEIPTS.

Received from pledges		$271 00

EXPENDITURES.

Printing	$8 00	
Travelling expenses	7 26	
Work at Meaderboro	100 00	
Stationery	3 50	
Postage and mailing	16 70	
Lawrence Meeting House Fund	100 00	
Work at Meaderboro	35 54	
		$271 00

Leaving no unexpended balance.

THOMAS WOOD, *Treasurer.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 15th, 1895.

30. The committee who have had the care of building the meeting-house in Portland, in which the Yearly Meeting is now so comfortably accommodated, gave a verbal report of their labors.

The unanimous voice of the meeting was in favor of assuming two thousand dollars of the indebtedness still remaining on the house.

31. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read, and listened to with great interest. Some friends who have recently returned from Ramallah gave a verbal account of the mission, which was helpful and instructive. We feel that He who has hitherto blessed the work still calls us to go on in faith and prayer, trusting in His power to open the doors and enlarge the opportunities for service in the land of the Bible.

The appointment of a committee to have charge of this work was referred to the Nominating Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING: —

In presenting a report of the work during the past year, it is with feelings of heartfelt thankfulness for the continued prosperity of the mission at Ramallah.

The Training Home opened on its sixth year on the first of Tenth Month, with twenty-four girls, under the same efficient teachers as in past years. The school is divided into three classes. The first class will close its school year in the Sixth Month with a public examination. Seven of the girls have completed the course of instruction required by the teachers, and will receive diplomas, enabling them to obtain positions as teachers both in the English and Arabic languages. We rejoice in their proficiency, but there is a deeper feeling of gratitude as we remember that their hearts have been touched by the Lord, and that they have consecrated themselves to this service. These girls will find employment in our own schools, and most of them will board at the Mission, so they will still be under our care.

It is surely cause for thankfulness that we have so soon been able to prepare our own teachers, who will be the means, we trust, of extending our work, and of uplifting many of the girls of Palestine.

The two younger classes are making good progress in their studies, besides receiving lessons in industry, order, and neatness.

The girls still conduct a paper, the *Carrier Dove*, which is read every month. They also carry on their Peace Society in perfect order. This meeting, started by our friend, Etta Johnston, has been of great use to the children.

Our Superintendent reports as follows: The Sabbath School, which opened in the beginning of the school year, is in a prosperous condition. The average attendance is ninety. Many of the boys and girls from the out schools attend, and all seem interested. The teachers are sowing the good seed, leaving the result in the hands of our Lord and Master, who alone can give the increase.

The day schools in the village opened prosperously in the beginning of the school year; the whole number of scholars, one hundred and thirty. The teachers in these schools seem to have a wonderful faculty in governing and holding their pupils. Many of the little ones attend regularly, and their conduct in their dark homes with their ignorant parents speaks of the good teaching they are receiving in the school. One girl was taught a little prayer at Christmas. She in turn taught the prayer to her mother, who uses it every evening, and blesses her daughter for the prayer and the Bible Lessons she brings home. Thus we are sending out little missionaries from our schools.

The schools in the outlying villages of Ophrah and Jiffneh will be the means, we trust, of leading many souls to the dear Saviour. Though the children are often prevented from coming to school by their daily work out of doors, we believe they come as often as possible. Some of the teachers are often sent from the Mission to visit these schools, and they bring good reports of the work which is done in them.

Emily Audi, our Bible woman, gives an encouraging report of the Mothers' Meetings, which she holds three times a week in different parts of the village; whole number attending, eighty. The women seem to be greatly interested, and bring their work with them, such as cleaning wheat, sewing their robes, etc. A Mohammedan woman once attended the meeting, and was so delighted to hear the Bible read that she promised to come again, and did so at every opportunity.

A Latin woman (Roman Catholic) who was visited refused to listen to the reading, yet she was not given up. After repeated visits and interesting talks she began to read the Bible which belonged to her husband. Now, she says, she reads it every evening with him and finds comfort in it. A young widow was so much interested in these meetings that she offered her room for the services. We believe the Lord's blessing is resting upon these poor women who are uplifted by these gatherings.

The Medical Department has been carried on as usual. One hundred and twenty-three surgical operations have been performed; one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three patients on clinic days; one thousand six hundred and forty-two patients visited at their homes; one thousand two hundred and sixty patients with eye diseases were treated; thirty-seven villages visited. Some of these villages are several hours' distant, and the physician sometimes requires a day and a half for a single visit. On clinic days some of the poor sufferers are brought on donkeys for many miles.

We have greatly enjoyed the visit of our dear friends William and Susan Thompson, whose labors in our meetings, and in the homes of the people, have been helpful and comforting. They have borne, and had patience, and have not fainted under the pressure of care devolving upon them, and we trust they will receive a sure reward.

In conclusion, the Committee would express their feelings of regret at parting with our beloved Superintendent, Huldah H. Leighton, who has labored so long and so earnestly for the prosperity of the Mission, but whose failing health requires her to relinquish the care. Alone in a foreign land, and amid many difficulties, she has been enabled faithfully to perform the duties of her position.

The Committee feel that among the Syrian women and children who have experienced her loving care, and whose lives have been brightened by her Christian teachings, there are many "to rise up and call her blessed."

The little seed sown by our dear friends Eli and Sibyl Jones has, through the blessing of the Lord, grown into a tree, under whose branches many have sought and found rest. The Committee are encouraged in the belief that though there have been blessings in the past, still there is more to follow. The word of the Lord to his servant of old seems to be renewed to the New England Yearly Meeting in regard to this mission field. "Be strong and of good courage, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

On behalf of the Committee,

RUTH S. MURRAY, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Committee on Foreign Missions of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, *in account with* Wm. T. Hussey, *Treasurer.*

RECEIVED.

1894. 6th Mo. 22.

Balance for last year	$745 59
Interest from Permanent Fund	217 06
" " Four Thousand Dollar Note	200 00
From R. E. Allinson, Treasurer of Bible School	5 00
Elisha T. Read, Treasurer Woonsocket Bible School	65 00
Harry Alger and mother	10 00
E. S. Fiske	50 00
Huldah E. Gifford	10 00
Jacob L. Moulder	5 00
Rev. C. C. Starbuck	1 00
Sale of Cattell Bonds	350 00
Wm. Wood, for Lawrence Friends	5 00
Emily Thomas	5 00
Two Baptist ladies, for 2 "Lambs of the fold"	20 00
Annie B. Jones, Little Helpers' Mission	5 00
Matilda Burleigh, for Missionary Society	5 00
Ellen Collins	20 00
Samuel Miles	50 00
Mary B. Post, Treasurer W. F. M. S., New York	28 24
Eli Page	5 00
Mrs. Chas. Wilber	101 51
Adelaide V. Wilbour	5 00
Susan M. Seabury	25 00
Mary and Helen H. Seabury	5 00
Sarah Cartland	2 00
Clara Roberts	5 00
Lucretia G. Chace	75 00
Susan H. Meader, Treasurer W. F. M. S., support of 21 girls,	1,365 00
Proceeds of lectures of Etta H. Johnston	46 58
Junior Band of Boston	5 00
Hannah M. Barker	5 00
From Eunice A. Green, for education of day scholar	5 00
Lizzie Hawkes, for education of day scholar	5 00
Children of Passadena, Cal., education of two day scholars	10 00
Emma Wingate	5 00
A. T. Chase	1 50
S. S. Harlow, Fort Fairfield Meeting	5 00
Carry forward,	$3,428 48

Amount brought forward,	$3,428 48
Arthur H. Swift, contributions from the Jamaica Mission	5 00
Isabel Stanley	5 00
Mary L. Chase, for Carrie Smith's class	5 00
Adaline L. F. Daniels	1 00
Eunice Winslow, for W. F. M. S.	5 00
Carrie E. Johnston	5 00
Thomas H. Levering	20 00
Jennie Levering	1 00
Robert B. Warder	10 00
Annie Estes, to be sent to Nazha Rodeslie	3 00
Elizabeth H. S. Wood	3 90
Susan Seabury's Class	3 00
Elizabeth M. Hawkes, Friends' Bible School	5 00
J. E. and Sadie H. Eves	1 00
North Berwick, Beech Ridge Church	5 12
Lizzie W. Swan, Mite Box	5 00
Mrs. C. M. Jones, Mite Box	2 02
1895.	
Katherine M. Brevet, Treasurer Foreign Mission Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, for support of Jiffneh Day School	140 00
Jennie Allyn, support of Hope School, Ramallah	100 00
Lizzie W. Swan, support of Hope School, Ramallah	50 00
Lydia A. Griffen, Treasurer Purchase Quarterly Meeting, for support of Ophrah School	150 00
Aletta B. W. Lawrence, Treasurer of C. E. of New York and Brooklyn, for support of Western School, Ramallah	150 00
Ellen K. Buffum, for Building Fund	50 00
From J. & E. Myers	5 00
Gonic Bible School	48 75
Allen's Neck Bible School	5 00
Smith's “ “ “ by Olive D. Howland	4 00
Worcester “ “ “ “ Sarah J. Swift	16 00
R. I. Monthly Meeting, by A. M. Kimber and J. S. Anthony	20 75
Swansea Monthly Meeting, C. A. Chace, Treasurer	94 05
Providence Monthly Meeting, R. P. Clifford, “	49 00
So. Kingston Monthly Meeting, W. T. Collins, “	11 50
Salem Monthly Meeting, J. Ellwood Paige “	150 12
Amesbury Monthly Meeting, J. Augustus Davis, “	10 75
Weare Monthly Meeting, L. H. Osborne, “	2 00
Boston Monthly Meeting, L. S. Jones, “	58 50
Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Joseph Ewer, “	27 00
Westport Monthly Meeting, J. A. Gifford, “	20 00

New Bedford Monthly Meeting, A. W. Holmes,	Treasurer,	$28 50
Falmouth Monthly Meeting, Ezra Hawkes,	“	6 81
Durham Monthly Meeting, M. H. Robinson,	“	1 00
Smithfield Monthly Meeting, W. H. Aldrich,	“	35 50
Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, F. H. Inman,	“	108 50
Bolton Monthly Meeting, H. E. Babcock,	“	9 00
Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, Henry Taber,	“	1 00
China Monthly Meeting, Wm. A. Jones,	“	8 00
Dover Monthly Meeting, D. F. Jenness,	“	3 00
Berwick Monthly Meeting, Samuel Buffum,	“	10 00
Winthrop Monthly Meeting, E. A. Bailey,	“	55 88
St. Albans Monthly Meeting, J. W. Chandler,	“	8 21
Parsonsfield Monthly Meeting, Jas. Cartland,	“	5 00
Contribution from Wm. Thompson,	“	30 00
Sarah H. Taber's Bible Class		5 00
Elizabeth S. Fiske		50 00
Proceeds of Note paid into Building Fund		925 00
		$5,968 34

Expended.

1894.		
6th Mo. 22.	For London Draft sent the Mission, £150 stg.	$733 12
	Missionary Reports	35 25
	Envelopes and Postage Stamps	28 96
8th “ 9.	London Draft sent the Mission, £100 stg.	488 50
	Cablegrams and Expressage	12 40
	London Draft sent the Mission, £50 stg.	243 75
	Deposited in Savings Bank for Katie Gabriel	160 00
	“ “ “ “ “ Martha Nusr	160 00
12th “ 5.	London Draft sent the Mission, £100 stg.	488 00
	Salary of Huldah H. Leighton	500 00
1895.		
1st Mo. 21.	London Draft sent the Mission, £100 stg.	489 25
	Books, Pictures, and Diplomas	66 77
4th “ 8.	London Draft sent the Mission, £100 stg.	489 75
5th “ 31.	Paid Wm. Thompson for Money lent the Mission	200 00
	Sent to York County Savings Bank for Building Fund	300 00
	Deposits in Strafford Savings Bank belonging to Building Fund	1,185 00
	Balance in Strafford Savings Bank for current expenses	387 59
		$5,968 34

Examined vouchers of account and approved.

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Auditor.*

32. The report of the Committee on Western Indians was interesting and satisfactory, showing the influence of Christian teaching and Christian living upon the untutored children of the Plains.

In view of the duty which rests upon us, emphasized by the traditions of our people from the time of Penn to the present hour, we wish to press home upon our membership, with special force, the claims of this abused and unfortunate race.

Let us, by our money and by our prayers, strengthen the hands of the self-sacrificing and tireless workers who have taken up their homes among the "Red Men."

The nomination of a committee to continue this work is referred to the Committee on Nomination.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Associated Executive Committee, composed of delegates from the various Yearly Meetings on the Continent, have held two Annual Meetings the past year at Germantown, Pa.

The first was presided over with a great deal of dignity and grace by our late dear friend, Dr. James E. Rhoads, who has been conspicuous in Indian work since President Grant inaugurated his peace policy. At this meeting, which was held in Sixth Month, 1894, our Committee was represented by three delegates. A careful survey of the field was taken and much interest awakened. George W. Hartley, of Indiana, was made Superintendent of the work which Dr. Kirk loved and served so well. In the autumn John S. Kimber visited the mission stations under the care of Friends, of which some account will be given later.

The very sudden death of our dear friend and visible leader in the Indian work (Dr. James E. Rhoads) caused us to feel that the work must indeed languish; but in the good providence of God it was found at the second meeting, held the middle of last month, that while no *one* could individually fill his place, *all* went more particularly into the work of the various stations as a committee, and thus learned more of the work than usual.

At the second meeting four delegates were present from New England. The principal stations were taken up one by one, and the condition of work and workers considered. The removal of Philander and Caroline Blackledge from the Modocs to the Senecas last year has caused the work at Seneca to grow, while that at the Modoc station has languished, thus illustrating that mission workers who have tact and devotion should not hastily be removed. The Indians, like white people, have their choice of helpers. Robert Hodson (half of whose support we pay) has been working hard as usual, at Ottawa and points connected with it. His wife teaches school, taking her babe with her.

At Wyandotte there has been much difficulty from the fact that Friends here have no meeting-house of their own, and now use the Methodist Church twice a month. The minister of this church is opposed to Friends and tries to detract from them. It seems very desirable that we have a house of our own, but the Committee has not the funds to build it. One hundred dollars, however, has been contributed toward the building. This is an important station, there being a Government school located here where Friends have ready access to the children.

The accounts from Skiatook are good, and it is still left under the special charge of the Philadelphia Indian Aid.

The Committee thought Ella Hartley a valuable woman, and desiring her to work with her husband to a greater extent than heretofore, has made them both Superintendents of the work; it being understood that if one is away from home the other can give the needed care to the meeting and home.

The Kickapoo Mission continues to claim our loving interest, and no question is raised as to the fitness of the workers there for the place they fill. Rachel Kirk is now sharing that home and finding work among the Indians in that vicinity.

In order that the work may be better understood I have copied the following from a letter received from John S. Kimber relative to his visit in Indian and Oklahoma Territories: —

"After spending our first night in the Indian country at Jeremiah Hubbard's, where we had a good chance to meet John Winnie and daughter, we drove from there to Bluejacket, where we had an interesting time. I saw Bluejacket both in Meeting and at his home; he is old, but green in old age. They told me in the town of Bluejacket that the people would as lieve hear Charles Bluejacket talk in Meeting as any one, and indeed his remarks were of great interest. At Quarterly Meeting time he and John Winnie both sat together, facing the Meeting, and both spoke, the latter in Indian. It was an impressive sight.

"Then to Miami. There are almost no Indians in the Miami meeting now, but it is a wonderfully needy and interesting field. Then to the Ottawas. A most blessed Meeting there, a wonderful proof of the spiritual work of dear brother and sister Hodson. Here are the graves of the dear little Tuttle children. What a stimulus they should be to us!

"A hasty visit to the Peorias from here, and some family calls among those who still bear fruit to the work of dear Asa and Emeline Tuttle. From the Ottawas to the Wyandottes, brother George and wife in charge. This is a nice station, nice dwellings and surroundings. Everything seemed in good order. There is a great field of work here for the right person. If we get a meeting-house of our own here it should probably be located across the river near the little town. The Government School gives Friends a very open door.

"From Wyandotte to the Senecas, the home of dear brother and sister Blackledge, experienced workers in the Lord's Vineyard, with real love for the Indians in their hearts. This is John Winnie's Meeting. Then to the Modocs. May God grant that as this tribe has been so wonderfully won for him, that nothing be now lost. I saw Hiram Blackledge there; he spoke wonderfully, with his Testament open in his hand.

"From the Senecas to the Skiatook School, Chilocco Government School, Oklahoma, and Choctaw Cities, and thence by Lizzie Test's mule-team to her Kickapoo Mission. Oh, the sweet and *blessed* influence of that place! From there to Monthly Meeting at Shawneetown, T. W. Alford, clerk; entertained by George and Ella Hartley. Also visited Tecumseh and Wolf Grove and the Government School. Then back to the Kickapoo Mission, and from there to the encampment of the wild band, who received us hospitably; a most interesting visit and I trust of profit."

When we think of Charles Bluejacket, John Winnie, Ida Johnston, and others who have come from heathen darkness into Christ's most marvellous light, we have great cause for thanksgiving. Let us, who profess to love the Lord Jesus, pray for these native Americans, that they may continue to shine for Christ.

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $4,000. We recommend that $525 be appropriated for the Executive Committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

MYRA E. FRYE.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 15th, 1895.

CONDENSED REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS, 1894 AND 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 5 31
Total from Monthly Meeting Treasurers	435 71
Received from Amesbury and Worcester Bible Schools	12 75
Private Donation	65 35
	$519 12

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Associated Executive Committee balance of Yearly Meeting apportionments	$75 00	
Paid for support of Missionaries in Indian Territory,	215 50	
" " repairs on Mission House	50 00	
" on Wyandotte Meeting House	100 00	
" Expenses of delegates to Germantown	20 00	
Balance on hand	58 62	
		$519 12

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 12th, 1895.

Adjourned to meet in joint session on Second-day morning at ten o'clock.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 17TH.

The Meeting convened in joint session at the hour appointed.

33. This Meeting is brought into very loving sympathy with our dear sister, S. Jane Cox, whose earnest interest in the affairs of the church has been abundantly manifest, and of whose generous hospitality many of us have partaken. Our prayer for her found utterance at this time, that the God of all grace and consolation may be her support and her exceeding great reward. We commend to our dear sister the words of the apostle Peter in his first Epistle, Chapter 1, 3 to 7.

The Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of the foregoing minute.

34. Our sister, Susie Norris, presented at this session a minute from Cleveland Monthly Meeting, Ohio, expressing unity with her as a minister, and with her prospect of attending this Yearly Meeting.

John M. Watson was also present with us with a minute of unity from Bluejacket Monthly Meeting, Indian Territory, endorsed by Grand River Quarterly Meeting.

These Friends are welcome in our midst.

35. The epistle from Oregon Yearly Meeting was read.

36. The Nominating Committee presented the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Oak Grove Seminary, Gospel Work, Church Extension Board, and Foreign Missions. They have been severally considered and confirmed, and their names will appear under "Standing Committees" in the Minutes of this Yearly Meeting.

37. Harriette D. Collins was appointed a fraternal delegate to the Methodist Conference at Auburn, Maine.

38. The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Peace has presented its usual report, which has been read. This subject comes home to us with especial interest in view of the immense sacrifice of human life by war in different parts of the world, particularly in China, during the past year. There are, however, unmistakable signs of advancement in the cause of Peace, and we feel that the present is no time for relaxing our efforts in this cause.

The report was supplemented by the reading of the Annual report of the Peace Association of Friends in America.

A proposition was made to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the use of the Peace Committee, which is referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Meeting also endorsed the petition presented by the Committee on Peace.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

To the Yearly Meeting:—

The cause of Peace and Arbitration is being now agitated as never before in the history of the world; and its sweet reasonableness commends itself to the wisdom and best judgment of citizens, soldiers, and statesmen alike. Peace literature exhibits a vigor and carries a weight unknown to it until these recent years.

This cause, which hitherto has failed to obtain the confidence of the statesmen of the world to any great extent, begins now to be treated by them with candor and respect.

They are indeed often ready to experiment with it and to test it in important disputes; and the results in general have been so great and so satisfactory to the parties and to the world that each instance of arbitration has been, in fact, a great campaign of education for mankind.

And this cause of causes is each year of this wonderful period in human history becoming rapidly the method of mankind in the adjustment of international disputes; yet cruel wars continue to be fought in Asia and America. But it is a delightful reflection, and for the credit of Christianity, that the greatest of these wars was not between Christian States.

It is, in this connection, a sad thought that the heathen have such inhuman and wicked examples of wars in the history of Christian nations, and that the dreadful instruments of destruction used by them were invented and made by Christian countries, with all the genius and skill which Christian civilization could furnish.

Christian States poison with opium and alcohol and continue to destroy these poor heathen in the East, and Indians in America, with every refinement of skill and mechanism of the nations who are called Christian. "For all this God will bring them into judgment."

The attempt to introduce the military drill into the public and private schools and colleges, at the very fountain-heads of education and of influence, poisoning the very-life blood of Christian society at its source, is a thing demanding the attention and protest of every person who loves his country and his race, or regards Divine justice and the moral government of this world.

And even more dangerous than this evil, and vastly more inconsistent and discouraging, is the attempt, in the assumed service of the Lord Jesus Christ, to establish boys' brigades and render attractive to children the glamour and tinselry of war, without depicting its barbarism, its cruelty, its horrors, and its uselessness.

Several lectures have been given within the limits of our Yearly Meeting in the interest of international arbitration and permanent peace during the year past, as well as Peace sermons and short addresses.

Attention has been given to the propagation of Peace principles in several of our Bible schools, in one of which public exercises were held on Peace Day (the third Sabbath in Twelfth Month), the day set apart by the Peace Societies of this world to be devoted to the interests of this reform.

Much literature has been distributed and personal work done. More would have been accomplished but for the very limited amount of money placed at our disposal.

Two members of your Committee attended the very interesting and instructive conference recently held at Lake Mohonk, New York, and took part in the exercises of that occasion, so profitable to the cause of Peace and Arbitration.

The subject was discussed there by many earnest and wise advocates of this and other moral reforms, some of whom are eminent as leaders in the movement. The practicability of instituting some system of arbitration in place of war was plainly set forth. Much was also said upon the importance of cultivating a public sentiment that will demand that the system of warfare cease, and reason be substituted for brute force.

Your Committee think that much good can be done by the circulation of true reports of such conferences, and by the publication of facts regarding the success of arbitration, the good which has followed its exercise, as contrasted with the havoc of war.

We wish to express now, as we have before, our appreciation of the work of the American Peace Society. We know of no better way to aid the cause than to increase the circulation of its paper, *The Advocate of Peace.* The great subject is discussed upon its pages with the dignity, candor, and breadth which its importance demands. The issue of the present month, containing the report of the Directors and an account of a public meeting recently held in Boston, is especially valuable. A service to our beloved country may be done by using such means as are thus put in our hands for cultivating a conciliatory, helpful, and ennobling spirit among the nations, and by seeking to counteract a desire which is too prevalent, to increase our armaments and assume a boastful and threatening attitude.

It is true that if all the denominations of christendom or its ministers protested against war, it would be instantly abolished outside of heathendom.

We do therefore heartily greet the efforts of Christians of all denominations who join in the following petition, viz: —

A Petition to be Addressed to the Several Governments of the Christian Nations of the World.

GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE.

We, in co-operation with other Christian bodies, humbly memorialize you, as the guardians of your people, in behalf of peaceful arbitration as a means of settling questions that arise between nations. The spectacle that is presented of Christian nations facing each other with heavy armaments, ready upon provocation to go to war and settle their differences by bloodshed or conquest, is, to say the least, a blot upon the fair name of Christian. We cannot contemplate without the deepest sorrow the horrors of war, involving the reckless sacrifice of human life, that should be held sacred, bitter distress in many households, the destruction of valuable property, the hindering of education and religion, and the general demoralizing of the people.

Moreover, the maintaining of a heavy war force, though war be averted, withdraws multitudes from their homes and the useful pursuits of peace, and imposes a heavy tax upon the people for its support.

And, further, let it be borne in mind that wars do not settle causes of dispute between nations on principles of right and justice, but upon the barbaric principle of the triumph of the strongest.

We are encouraged to urge this cause upon your consideration by the fact that much has already been accomplished; as, for example, by the arbitration of Geneva in the Alabama case, and by the deliberations of the American Conference at Washington, not to mention other important cases. It will be a happy day for the world when all international disputes find peaceful solutions; and this we earnestly seek.

As to the method of accomplishing this end, we make no suggestions, but leave that to your superior intelligence and wisdom in matters of State policy. We invoke upon rulers and people the richest blessings of the Prince of Peace.

And we, the Committee on Peace, hereby recommend to our Yearly Meeting to make its influence felt at once in this cause by joining with other Yearly Meetings and other religious denominations in this very important petition.

For the Committee,
AUGUSTINE JONES, *Chairman.*
SAMUEL BUFFUM, *Secretary.*

CONDENSED REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, 1894	$22 21	
Received from Monthly Meetings	57 87	
		$80 08

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Hannah J. Bailey, for lectures	50 00
Balance on hand	$30 08

THOMAS WOOD, *Treasurer.*

Portland, Sixth Month 15th, 1895.

39. The Yearly Meetings Committee on Finance, through its Secretary, presented their report, showing in detail the work of the Envelope System, which is interesting, satisfactory, and encouraging: —

To the Yearly Meeting: —

In presenting the Annual Report of the Envelope System of raising money, we are fully assured that it is gaining in favor and efficiency, and an increasing willingness and desire is manifest to practise proportionate and systematic giving, which promises much for the future success of our work.

The Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, New Bedford, Durham, China, and Dover have this year joined the ranks of contributors, while Windham, Lewiston, Unity, Maple Grove, and Sandwich, N. H., have withheld contributions, and Greenwich has forwarded nothing for two years past. The three Monthly Meetings of Boston, Westport, and Uxbridge have exceeded in their payments the quota allotted to them, while several others have made commendable efforts to reach the mark.

Eight Quarterly, three Monthly, and eight particular Meetings have been visited by the Secretary, in each of which Scriptural beneficence has been encouraged and instruction given as to the working of the system. It has been found to work best in those meetings where personal efforts have been made to interest the members by reminding them on the last Sabbath of each month of the offering to be taken the following week, and reporting to them, at least as often as every three months, the amount of money received.

Some Meetings succeed well in collecting the offerings during the Meeting for Worship on First day. In one Meeting care was taken to mail an envelope each to busy business men on the day before the offering was due, which served as a reminder to them, and it frequently was returned laden with material help.

We recommend that all Monthly Meetings arrange for their financial year to begin in the autumn, in order that the information and advices from the Yearly Meeting may be duly received by them through the Quarterly Meetings, and that the blank spaces for estimates of expenses in the Circular Letter be properly filled and the same distributed seasonably to each member, both male and female, who might be expected to aid the work.

The following is the tabulated statement: —

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE SEVERAL MONTHLY MEETINGS TOWARD THE BENEVOLENT OBJECTS CARRIED ON BY THE YEARLY MEETING.

MONTHLY MEETINGS.	Gospel Work.	Foreign Missions.	Western Indians.	Freedmen.	Bible School Work.	Temperance.	Education.	Peace.	Totals.	Amount Called For.
RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING.										
Rhode Island.	$20 50	$20 75	$18 00	$8 00	$5 00	$5 00	$4 00	$5 00	$86 25	$519 75
Greenwich....	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	74 25
Swansea.. ...	87 15	94 05	34 14	26 65	11 90	10 25	2 35	8 25	274 74	415 80
Providence....	13 00	49 00	50 00	60 00	8 50	17 00	5 00	5 00	207 50	415 80
S. Kingston...	–	11 50	–	–	–	–	–	–	11 50	59 40
SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING.										
Salem	$120 80	$150 12	$67 65	$35 15	$22 15	$19 25	$5 38	$12 19	$432 69	$643 95
Amesbury	12 50	10 75	10 00	5 00	9 00	6 00	–	–	53 25	243 00
Weare	2 00	2 00	1 50	–	1 00	3 00	–	1 50	11 00	206 55
Boston........	44 90	58 50	10 80	9 00	3 60	3 60	96	3 60	134 96	121 50
SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING.										
Sandwich, Ms.	$5 00	$27 00	$36 00	$22 00	$5 00	–	–	$5 00	$100 00	$202 50
Dartmouth....	4 34	–	6 91	2 82	1 00	$5 25	$1 00	–	21 32	135 00
Westport......	15 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	9 00	–	5	89 00	81 00
New Bedford,	–	28 50	16 50	–	–	–	–	–	45 00	931 50
FALMOUTH QUARTERLY MEETING.										
Falmouth......	$21 61	$6 81	$22 46	$4 56	$8 07	$3 00	–	–	$66 51	$252 45
Durham.......	6 00	1 00	–	25	–	–	–	–	7 25	143 43¾
Windham	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	120 48¾
Lewiston	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	57 37½
SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.										
Smithfield	$25 00	$35 50	$21 00	$7 00	$1 00	$5 50	–	–	$95 00	$178 20
Uxbridge......	54 00	108 50	80 00	28 00	6 50	6 50	$2 00	$6 00	291 50	182 25
Bolton	14 50	9 00	4 75	–	–	6 95	–	–	35 20	44 55
VASSALBORO QUARTERLY MEETING.										
Vassalboro ...	$9 25	$1 00	$3 00	$1 00	$1 25	$1 77	–	–	$17 27	$185 62½
China	–	8 00	1 00	1 00	–	1 00	–	60	11 60	129 93¾
Unity...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	55 68¾
Maple Grove..	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
DOVER QUARTERLY MEETING.										
Dover	$3 00	$3 00	$5 00	$3 00	–	–	–	–	$14 00	$243 00
Berwick......	10 00	10 00	10 00	–	–	–	–	$5 00	35 00	162 00

FAIRFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.										
Sidney	$5 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$5 00	$162 00
Winthrop	92 89	$55 88	$12 00	–	$6 52	$28 00	–	$2 00	197 29	607 50
St. Albans	5 21	8 21	–	–	–	2 36	–	–	15 78	40 50
PARSONSFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.										
Sandw'h, N.H.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	$45 00
Parsonsfield	$58 50	$5 00	$5 00	–	–	$5 00	–	–	$73 50	90 00
Totals	$630 15	$724 07	$435 71	$223 43	$100 49	$138 43	$20 69	$59 14	$2,332 11	$6,750 00
Last year	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,365 87	
Increase	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$966 24	

For the Finance Committee,

P. S. AYDELOTT, *Secretary.*

40. The Committee on Temperance presented their report, showing that hard work had been done in this cause during the year.

This committee shall hereafter be known as the Yearly Meeting's Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

With deep gratitude to our loving Heavenly Father for his many mercies, and under whose all-seeing eye we have labored, we submit the following: —

The Superintendent of Literature has sent out fifteen thousand pages of leaflets, tracts, and papers, and in addition to this some members have distributed 10,912 pages of leaflets and tracts very profitably, we trust.

The Sabbath School for the most part continues to take up the temperance lessons.

In one quarter some work has been done in visiting the day schools and talking on the evils of intemperance.

In one city Friends united with the other churches in a series of Gospel Temperance Meetings, with good results.

Temperance Slides have been given to Arthur Swift, which have contributed greatly to the interest and efficiency of his work among the natives at Jamaica.

Superintendent of Lectures reports that fifty-four lectures and addresses have been given, and twelve sermons preached on the subject of temperance within the past year. Several public meetings have been held in the interest of this work in the Eastern Quarters. Sixteen of the lectures were given by our friend Mary J. Weaver, of New York. Two were given by John G. Woolley, and the remaining one by members of your Committee and by W. C. T. U. workers. Some public meeting have been held or lectures given in each of the Quarters except one. Two lectures at our Yearly Meeting School at Vassalboro were given. There is a deepening interest in the subject of temperance, and the Committee feel encouraged.

Two hundred thousand saloons are striving to counteract the temperance efforts put forth in our country, and to destroy the souls and bodies of men, women, and children. While this is so, the Church must never furl the banner of total abstinence and prohibition. Let us be known to all the world as relentless in our efforts against this ungodly business, and we continue to emphasize that the sanctified heart will direct the hand the way that will, with God's blessing, help to stop this great evil.

In accordance with the recommendation of your Committee of last year, a memorial was prepared and signed by the Clerks, asking for a Commission of Inquiry to be appointed by Congress with regard to the effects of the liquor traffic on our national prosperity; also that other Yearly Meetings co-operate with us in this appeal. We are glad to say that a very general interest was manifested by other Yearly Meetings, and much interesting correspondence has resulted. We are also glad to state that after more than twenty-two years of constant efforts in this direction, the matter has been put into the hands of the Labor Commission, and we are very hopeful of results.

We request that the Yearly Meeting change the name of this Committee so that in the future it shall be known as the Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

In consideration of the terrible destruction of human happiness by the saloon, we would advise our members at all times to work in every legitimate way for its utter destruction, and especially so by the exercise of the franchise.

MARY H. ROBINSON, *Secretary*,

TREASURER'S REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$2 92
Received loan from Yearly Meeting Treasurer	50 00
" loan from Monthly Meeting Treasurer . . .	138 43
" from Mary C. Baylies	1 00
" from M. S. Paige, collection at East Lynn . . .	5 34
" from a member of the Committee	73 00
	$270 69

EXPENDITURES.

Paid S. R. Buffinton, Treasurer Yearly Meeting, Loan	$50 00
" on account of Lectures	187 75
" on account of Literature	22 94
" Lucy A. Snow, Travelling expenses	10 00
	$270 69

Respectfully submitted,

ELISHA T. READ, *Treasurer*.

PORTLAND, SIXTH MONTH 17th, 1895.

NOTE. For a detailed statement of receipts from Monthly Meetings, see report of the Financial Secretary.

41. The Report of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been read, and is satisfactory. We are grateful for the earnest and effectual work that has been done by this organization, and bid them Godspeed in every good word and work.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING:

Dear Friends, — As we close another year in our Christian Endeavor Union work, feelings of discouragement and satisfaction have struggled for the ascendency. A brief review, however, of what has been accomplished stimulates our courage, and we exclaim from the heart, Surely the Lord has been with us, owning and crowning the service we have undertaken in His name.

Our membership, both active and associate, has increased thirteen and one half and sixty-five per cent, respectively, making a total of seven hundred and forty-seven active and two hundred and nineteen associate members. Seventeen of the associate have experienced conversion and become active, and thirty-nine of the active have joined Friends. This in the face of the fact that the number of societies has made no material increase is a very encouraging feature. The young people of at least three Friends' settlements unite with other denominations in Union Christian Endeavor work, their membership not being sufficiently large to support an organization of their own.

Definite work is now being accomplished in the interests of missions. All of our societies except five report contributions for the work amounting to about $355, all of which has been appropriated to work among the Western Indians; Blue Ridge Mission and Ramallah have been aided in some manner, the exact amount not known. Liberal aid has been given to home work. We rejoice in this combined effort to bring to the needy both temporal and spiritual aid.

The Junior Department of our work is rapidly developing and being greatly blessed. The number of societies has increased from three to ten, and the membership from fifty-five to one hundred and ninety-three. In the young is the hope of the future church, and we believe that the merest child is susceptible of Christian influence and training. May the dear Lord especially bless this work and give us an earnest desire and the ability to lead the children early to his feet.

While our Union has not accomplished what it is both our privilege and duty to do, we feel grateful to our Heavenly Father for what has been done, and trust the coming year will be blessed with greater consecrated effort among all our members.

Respectfully, for the Union,

LINDLEY M. BINFORD, *President.*
HARRIET E. MacLEAN, *Secretary.*

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

SECOND-DAY AFTERNOON THE 17TH.

Friends convened pursuant to adjournment.

42. Epistles were read from Ohio, North Carolina, and Canada Yearly Meetings.

43. We have received official notification of the opening of California Yearly Meeting as follows: —

WHITTIER, CAL., 2D OF FOURTH MONTH, 1895.

TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING:

Dear Friends, — The Delegates appointed by the several Yearly Meetings of Friends to attend the opening of California Yearly Meeting met and organized at Whittier, Cal., on the 25th of Third Month, 1895, by the appointment of a Chairman and Secretary. We attended the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight on the day preceding the opening of the Yearly Meeting, and assisted in organizing the Yearly Meeting, on the 26th day of Third Month, 1895, by first calling the Meeting to order and reading the Minutes of Pasadena Quarterly Meeting embodying the original request of California Friends as presented to Iowa Yearly Meeting in 1892, and all the correspondence between Iowa Yearly Meeting and California Friends, represented by Pasadena Quarterly Meeting, up to and including the granting of the request by Iowa Yearly Meeting in 1894, with the unity and concurrence of ten of the Sister Yearly Meetings, all of which were represented in this opening, save one, by delegates as follows: —

Iowa	Five delegates
Indiana	Two delegates
New England	Two delegates
New York	Two delegates
North Carolina	Two delegates
Ohio	Two delegates
Western	Two delegates
Kansas	Three delegates
Wilmington	Two delegates
Oregon	Three delegates

On completing the reading of the correspondence aforesaid, and the Minutes of Iowa Yearly Meeting authorizing the establishment of California Yearly Meeting, our Chairman proposed to California Friends to proceed with the further organization of the Meeting by the appointment of temporary officers, which was done, and the Meeting organized as we believe, in the spirit and power of the Lord. We attended all the various sessions thereof, which we think embrace nearly half their entire membership. The love of God was manifest in all their deliberations. A full gospel was preached, as we verily believe, by men and women of God, and the Holy Spirit manifested his living presence from day to day.

Our Chairman and Secretary are directed to sign this report and forward a copy of it to each of the Yearly Meetings.

MARY H. GODDARD, *Secretary.*
CYRUS BEEDE, *Chairman.*

Also have received verbal report from our Delegates to attend the opening of same meeting. We have also received and read the epistle of California Yearly Meeting.

44. The Committee on Education propose that a change be made in their construction of our statistical table, which, being approved, the change will appear in the blanks issued for the present year.

45. The Bible School Committee, through its Secretary, presented their annual report, together with tabulated statement and Treasurer's report.

The report is interesting and satisfactory. The nomination of a committee to have care of this work the coming year is referred to the Nominating Committee.

REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends: —

Dear Friends, — Of all the different departments of work in which our Society is interested, that of the Bible Schools should claim our first and deepest interest and support, for this reason:

Because the Bible School is the foundation work on which the church is built, and our Missionary, Temperance, Peace, and Endeavor Societies are the superstructures; it is the Bible School that furnishes the majority of workers for church work.

In comparing our statistical report we have fifty-six schools instead of fifty-eight as last year.

One of the schools omitted was evidently discouraged because of smallness of numbers: and has united with another Society. The other has not held any sessions for several months, yet we hope that this is only a temporary interruption of the work.

While some of our schools have increased their membership by one half, others have diminished in the same proportion; yet we have a membership of three thousand and seventy-two against two thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven last year, or an increase of one hundred and ninety-five.

There are five hundred and eighty-seven children in the Primary Department. The schools have contributed $527.27 for missionary purposes.

The Memory Verse. These were sent out in the early fall, and have been learned by a number of our schools, with good results.

Home Department of Bible Study. We have four schools interested in this work, with a membership of over fifty; two of these classes have been formed within the past year. This work would be of great value to our schools if it could be taken up this coming year.

Conferences. These have been held in several Quarterly Meetings. Some of these were all-day sessions, and were said to be very interesting and profitable. We hope that we shall have all-day sessions of Bible School conferences throughout the Yearly Meeting, arranged for and presided over by our Quarterly Meeting Superintendents. We solicit the interest and hearty co-operation of all our members in this work.

Records. Our new record books have but recently been sent to our schools. We very much regret the necessary delay in having them printed, but trust that all our schools will pay close attention to keeping them for the remainder of the year.

Libraries. We have helped two schools in obtaining books for their libraries in accordance with the offer made by the Superintendent of last year. If our finances will allow we shall be very glad to continue this offer to those schools that have but small or no libraries, provided they meet the necessary conditions.

A great deal of wisdom and discretion should be used in the selection of our library books. There are obstacles to our having a book commission, but while so many of our members are very busy, it would not be a very difficult matter to call the attention of your Superintendent to a book when you have read it, and it seems especially adapted to our libraries.

Some of our schools might like the plan used by others; that is, of appropriating a certain sum of money, and expending it for books each month. If we could buy only two or three books a month, we should be constantly adding new books to our libraries, and thus make them more interesting.

A general conference was talked of last fall, but did not seem to be at all practicable, especially as we had but three dollars and ninety cents in the treasury.

VISITATION. Very little visiting has been done by the Superintendents for various reasons. Salem Quarterly Meeting has set a very good example for the rest to follow, in that they have appropriated a certain sum of money to defray the travelling expenses of their Superintendent, which will undoubtedly add to the efficiency of their work.

NORMAL COURSE STUDY. I hope that our schools will have classes formed for this normal study. A very good manual is that published in St. Louis, by W. J. Semelroth. It would not be difficult for the boys and girls to take this up with their other studies, and never in their lives will they be more willing to take up the Sabbath school work than in the early years of manhood and womanhood; consequently we should train them for it. Some of our schools are very much in need of workers; this seems to be the best solution of the problem.

One of our Superintendents wrote that he had a young lady in his school so desirous of teaching that she had asked him that she might have the privilege, and the verdict was, she is successful in her work. May we have more just such workers.

The Superintendents of Rhode Island, Salem, Sandwich, and Falmouth have sent reports of the work done in their Quarterly Meetings.

Some of these have visited schools in their districts, while others have taken an active part in the conferences. All speak of the interest manifested in these schools.

If any of our workers are disheartened, let me entreat you not to get discouraged, but to press onward.

"On, fellow laborers, onward go;
Wide scatter the precious grain.
Though the fruit may never be seen below,
Be sure the seed of the Word shall grow.
Go on in faith, and thou soon shalt know
Thy labor is not in vain."

M. L. CHACE,
Superintendent.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Quarterly Meeting.	Location of School.	Local Superintendent's Name and Address.	Monthly Meeting.	Membership of School.	Average Attendance.	No. of Friends.	No. of Classes.	No. Evidencing Change of Heart During Year.	Is Religious Interest Increasing?	Are Teachers' Meetings Held?	Volumes in Library.	Books Added During Year.	Lesson Helps Used.	Kinds of Papers Used.	Number of Papers Distributed.	Temperance Lesson.	Peace Lessons.	Is Children's Day Observed?	Months of School.
Rhode Island.	Portsmouth	John B. Cornell, Portsmouth, R. I.	Rhode Island	47	$22\frac{5}{24}$	33	5	–	–	No	401	1	B	2	–	4	–	No	12
	Newport	Anna B. Macomber, 59 Farewell, Newport, R. I.,	Rhode Island	67	29	19	4	–	Yes	No	242	1	I, H	2	–	3	1	No	12
	Saylesville	Joseph H. Atwater, 116 Pine, Providence, R. I.,	Providence	75	45	33	6	–	Yes	No	150	10	C, E	5	–	12	4	No	12
	Providence	Robert P. Gifford, Providence, R. I.	Providence	18	15	18	2	–	–	No	100	–	C, E	1	–	–	–	–	9
	Somerset	G. Mahlon Chace, Fall River, Mass., Box 355	Swansea	68	52	68	9	–	–	No	298	–	A	–	–	–	–	Yes	12
	Fall River	Herbert A. Skinner, Fall River, Mass.	Swansea	96	$56\frac{1}{2}$	57	10	–	–	–	307	7	B, D, G	5	–	4	–	–	12
	East Greenwich	Lydia E. Drinkwater, E. Greenwich, R I.	E. Greenwich	16	10	8	2	–	–	–	132	–	A	1	–	–	–	–	12
		Totals		387	$229\frac{1}{2}$	218	–	–	–	–	1630	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Salem.	Amesbury	Daniel C. Maxfield, 12 R. R. Ave., Amesbury	Amesbury	58	$37\frac{1}{26}$	56	5	–	Yes	No	225	–	A, B	5	–	4	–	–	12
	Boston	Thomas Wood, 215 State St., Boston, Mass.	Boston	74	37	43	7	–	Yes	Weekly	230	30	B	3	–	4	–	–	12
	East Lynn	Chas. E. Bishop, 40 Ireson Ave., Lynn, Mass.	Salem	163	101	35	15	–	Yes	Very Seldom	350	60	B	2	–	4	–	Yes	12
	Henniker	Nathan P. Buxton, Henniker, N. H.		19	9	19	3	–	–	–	150	–	–	1	–	4	–	–	12
	Lawrence	Stephen Swett, Haverhill, Mass.	Boston	89	70	–	7	–	–	Monthly	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Lowell	Charles Kelley, Lowell, Mass.	Boston	7	6	7	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12
	Lynn	George C. Herbert, Lynn, Mass.	Salem	128	$75\frac{19}{26}$	28	12	–	–	Occasionally	850	–	B	3	–	4	–	Yes	12
	North Weare	Harriet N. Jones, North Weare, N. H.	Weare	34	16	31	–	–	Yes	–	513	Yes	–	1	–	4	–	–	12
	Salem	George H. Jones, 85 Highland Ave., Salem		25	19	24	2	–	–	–	88	None	–	2	–	Yes	Yes	–	12
	South Pittsfield	A. N. Peaslee, So. Pittsfield, N. H.	Amesbury	30	–	9	4	–	–	–	163	None	B	–	–	–	–	–	–
	West Epping	Moses O. Nichols, West Epping, N. H.	Amesbury	12	8	12	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
		Totals		639	$378\frac{20}{26}$	304	–	–	–	–	2569	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Sandwich.	Allen's Neck.....	Henry A. Allen, Dartmouth, Mass..............	Dartmouth.....	102	47	35	10	–	Yes	One	–	–	B	2	–	–	–	–	12
	Mattapoisett.....	Joshua L. Macomber, East Mattapoisett.........	New Bedford ..	25	16	8	3	–	–	Monthly	543	30	–	5	–	–	–	–	9
	Smith's Neck.....	Elbridge L. Faunce, So. Dartmouth............	Dartmouth.....	77	28	18	8	–	Yes	No	–		II	3	–	12	–	–	$10\frac{3}{4}$
	Central Village...	Samuel H. Macomber, Central Village..........	Westport.......	47	34	35	5	–	–	No	–	–	–	1	–	4	4	–	11
	Wayside Mission,	Mary E. Gifford, Central Village, Mass..........	Westport.......	50	24	–	–	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Long Plain.......	Richard Davis, Long Plain.....	New Bedford ..	30	$17\frac{3}{4}$	27	3	–	–	–	384	12	A	3	–	4	1	No	12
	Acushnet.........	Adelaide V. Wilbur, Acushnet, Mass...........	New Bedford .	12	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	New Bedford....	Nathaniel W. Gifford, New Bedford, Mass.......	New Bedford ..	157	67	12	13	–	–	–	489	64	C, B	2	–	4	–	–	9
		Totals..................................	....	500	$233\frac{3}{4}$	135	–	–	–	–	1416	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Falmouth.	Casco............	S. A. Hall, Casco, Me.......................	Windham......	15	$10\frac{3}{4}$	11	2	–	–	–	74	2	B, A	4	–	4	52	No	12
	Deering..........	Wm. I. Hacker, Westbrook, Me.........	Falmouth.......	32	16	30	3	–	Yes	–	194	10	B, C	–	–	3	–	–	12
	East Durham....	Mahlon D. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me..........	Durham........	63	40	33	5	–	Yes	No	225	25	B	3	–	4	–	–	12
	Lewiston.........	J. F. Richardson, 68 Wood St., Lewiston.......	Lewiston.......	95	50	46	11	–	Yes	–	–	–	A	–	–	–	–	–	12
	Portland.........	Fred C. Dearborn, 44 Winter St., Portland.....	Falmouth.......	81	$50\frac{1}{62}$	53	7	–	Yes	No	282	43	A, G	–	–	–	–	–	12
	South Durham...	Henry M. Snow, South Durham, Me............	Durham........	73	37	50	7	–	Yes	Weekly	137	21	B	Yes	–	4	–	–	12
	Windham........	Lucy A. Hawkes, Windham..................	Windham......	42	$23\frac{1}{2}$	29	4	–	Yes	No	297	22	B, A	3	–	4	–	–	12
		Totals..................................	....	401	$227\frac{1}{4}$	252	–	–	–	–	1209	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Smithfield.	Bolton.....	Alfred Dow, Bolton, Mass.....................	Bolton.........	81	36	55	7	–	Yes	No	316	41	A, B	4	–	4	–	Yes	12
	West Mansfield..	Bible Class.........	Woonsocket....	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Northbridge......	Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass...........	Uxbridge......	16	–	4	3	–	–	No	150	–	A	4	–	4	–	Yes	12
	Worcester........	D. M. Babcock, 17 Sudbury St., Worcester, Mass.	Uxbridge.......	64	35	27	5	–	Yes	No	325	–	A, B	4	–	–	–	–	12
	Woonsocket.....	James S. Read, Woonsocket, R. I...	Smithfield......	183	100	39	11	–	Yes	Weekly	575	45	A	3	–	4	–	No	12
		Totals..................................	....	344	171	125	–	–	–	–	1366	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Vassalboro.	China............	Geo. E. Roberts, China, Me...............	China..........	34	22	27	4	–	Yes	–	46	–	B	–	–	–	–	Yes	1 12
	East Vassalboro..	Allen W. Pinkham, Lamb's Cor., E. Vassalboro,	Vassalboro.....	43	$24\frac{1}{4}$	41	4	–	Yes	–	–	–	B	–	–	4	–	–	17
	Maple Grove.....	J. W. Plummer, Fort Fairfield, Me............	Unity..........	18	–	13	3	–	No	–	–	–	B	–	–	–	–	–	12
	South China......	Emma Plaisted, South China, Me.............	China..........	48	35	35	6	–	No	–	250	–	H	–	–	–	–	–	12
	Unity............	Etta M. Varney, Unity, Me..................	Unity..........	31	21	25	3	–	Yes	–	–	–	H	4	–	4	–	–	6
	West China......	C. A. Pinkham, China, Me.................. ...	West China....	26	14	24	3	–	Yes	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	Yes	2
		Totals..................................	....	200	$116\frac{1}{4}$	165	–	–	–	–	296	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

STATISTICAL REPORT.— *Continued.*

Quarterly Meeting.	Location of School.	Local Superintendent's Name and Address.	Monthly Meeting.	Membership of School.	Average Attendance.	No. of Friends.	No. of Classes.	No. Evidencing Change of Heart During Year.	Is Religious Interest Increasing?	Are Teachers' Meetings Held?	Volumes in Library.	Books Added During Year.	Lesson Helps Used.	Kinds of Papers Used.	Number of Papers Distributed.	Temperance Lessons.	Peace Lessons.	Is Children's Day Observed?	Months of School.
Dover.	Dover	Clarence I. Pinkham, Dover, N. H.	Dover	31	15	–	2	–	Yes	–	250	–	B	–	–	1	1	No	12
	Gonic	Daniel F. Jenness, Dover, N. H.	Dover	33	21½	22	4	–	–	No	167	28	B	1	–	4	–	–	12
	N. Berwick	Wm. T. Hussey, N. Berwick, Me.	Berwick	19	6	11	1	–	–	–	–	–	A, B, C	–	–	–	–	–	12
	Meaderboro', Rochester,	Eli Meader, Rochester	Dover	55	17	6	4	–	Yes	No	–	–	H	2	–	–	–	–	–
		Totals		130	59½	39	–	–	–	–	417	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Fairfield.	Augusta	James Plummer, 11 South Chestnut St., Augusta,	Winthrop	70	25	9	6	–	Yes	No	–	–	B	3	–	4	–	–	12
	Hollowell	A. F. Morse, Hollowell, Me.		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Manchester	A. W. Hawkes, Manchester, Me.	Winthrop	56	31	22	4	–	Yes	No	60	45	B	1	–	4	4	–	12
	North Fairfield	Geo. B. Wing, North Fairfield, Me.	Sidney	45	26¾	22	5	–	Yes	No	150	–	B	–	–	2	1	–	12
	Centre Sidney	Sarah E. Shepherd, Centre Sidney	Sidney	33	19	11	4	–	Yes	No	250	–	B	–	–	–	–	Yes	12
	St. Albans	Jesse W. Chandler, St. Albans, Me.	St. Albans	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Winthrop Centre	C. P. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.	Winthrop	141	83	65	11	–	Yes	Weekly	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	West Gardiner	John Pinkham, West Gardiner	Winthrop	32	22	14	5	–	Yes	–	–	–	B	4	–	4	–	–	12
		Totals		377	206¾	143	–	–	–	–	460	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Parsonsfield.	East Parsonsfield,	Silas H. Cartland, East Parsonsfield	Parsonsfield	46	30	40	5	–	Yes	No	260	3	A	4	–	4	2	–	12
	North Sandwich	Cornelius Turner, North Sandwich	Sandwich	47	27	28	3	–	Yes	No	142	–	A	2	–	3	–	–	12
		Totals		93	57	–	–	–	–	–	402	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	56 schools report,	Total membership		3072															

Key to Lesson Helps: A, Friends Quarterly. B, Peloubet's. C, Sunday School Times. D, Sunday School Journal. E, Scholar's Magazine. F, Lesson Cards. G, Intermediate 2, Mrs. Kennedy. H, David Cook's Publications. I, Berean Senior Quarterly.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS FOR NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS.

RECEIPTS.

Cash received from former Treasurer	$84 90
Contributions from Monthly Meetings	100 49
" " Bible Schools	11 98
	$197 37

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Committee on Freedmen for Maryville School	$75 00
" printing and stationery	10 00
" 124 Record Books	49 60
" books for Bible Schools at Windham, Me.	10 00
" " " " " " Lisbon Falls, Me.	8 00
" postage	3 68
" sundry small expenses of the Committee	1 50
Balance now on hand	39 59
	$197 37

MARIANNA GIFFORD, *Treasurer.*

FALL RIVER, MASS., Sixth Month 14th, 1892.

46. The committee to whom was intrusted the application of the income of H. H. Mosher Fund have presented their report, which is satisfactory.

The nomination of a new committee is referred to the Nominating Committee.

47. The trustees of the above fund presented their report, which is approved, viz. : —

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MOSHER FUND.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The funds in our hands are as follows:

City of Boston registered 5% (gold) bond	$10,000 00
New Bedford Institution for Savings deposit	1,078 65
Lynn Institution for Savings deposit	2,736 80
	$13,815 45

We have received five hundred dollars interest on the City of Boston Bond, and have paid the same to J. E. Paige, Treasurer of the Committee, to disburse the income of this fund.

For the Trustees,

OWEN DAME.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 15th, 1895.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee report that two hundred copies of an address by James Wood, entitled "The Society of Friends and its Mission," have been distributed. More than three hundred copies of the "American Friend" have been subscribed for. Two hundred and eight copies of "The Present Tenses of the Blessed Life," a small volume by F. B. Meyer, have been purchased.

Fifty-eight copies of a "History of the Society of Friends in America," by Allen C. and Richard H. Thomas, have been bought.

One hundred copies of a work by Fernando G. Cartland, now in the hands of the publisher, have been arranged for; the book relates to the sufferings of Friends in our late Civil War.

SARAH MARBLE, *Secretary.*

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 13th, 1895.

H. H. MOSHER FUND.

Treasurer's Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hand from last year's account . .	$190 21	
Received from Trustees	500 00	
		$690 21

PAYMENTS.

309 copies of "American Friend"	$339 57	
200 " "Society of Friends and its Mission," with postage on same	9 40	
200 copies of "Present Tenses of the Blessed Life," with expenses on same	67 05	
8 copies of "Future Tenses of Blessed Life" (for examination by Committee)	3 00	
58 copies of "History of Friends" (with postage)	42 91	
Advanced to F. G. Cartland for 100 copies of "Southern Heroes," to be delivered when issued	200 00	
Sundry items of expenses by members of Committee,	5 97	
		$667 90
		$22 31

JOHN ELWOOD PAIGE, *Treasurer.*

Portland, Sixth Month 17th, 1895.

48. The Committee on Freedmen presented their report, including that of the Principal of Maryville Institute, which is approved. Like other efforts for the promotion of the cause of humanity, this institution is feeling the pressure of the times, and it is the conclusion of the Meeting to advance the sum of one thousand dollars by a loan to the Committee.

The request for an appropriation for five hundred dollars is referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Our interests at Maryville continue the same as last year, except the situation has become more serious in the additional financial obligations which have been incurred.

The attendance has again been much larger than the accommodations are equal to.

We have abundant evidence of Christian grace prevailing in the home influences of the school, and we desire most earnestly that the Yearly Meeting will take such action this year as will secure to our brethren of the South the continued Christian advantages of this institution.

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Secretary.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Yearly Meeting Bible School Committee . . .	$75 00	
Three Friends at Yearly Meeting, 1894 . . .	135 00	
Other donations	9 53	
From Yearly Meeting appropriation . . .	500 00	
Contributions from Monthly Meetings . . .	223 43	
Augustine Jones, Trustee George Sturge Fund .	1,480 69	
" " " H. C. Camp Fund . .	57 23	
" " " B. F. Knowles Fund .	13 57	
		$2,494 45

EXPENDITURES.

Paid L. H. Garner, Principal, on wages account .	$1,013 76	
" for aid to students from George Sturge Fund, Fall Term	297 19	
Paid for aid to students from George Sturge Fund, Spring Term	1,183 50	
		$2,494 45

For the Committee,

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREEDMEN'S NORMAL INSTITUTE, MARYVILLE, TENN., FOR THE YEAR 1894–95.

Number of days taught	190
Number enrolled	253
Per cent of attendance	83
Number of boarders in the building	76
Number of teachers in the training class	109
Number graduating in the Elementary Course	11

In making our Annual Report to the Yearly Meeting, we desire to acknowledge the protecting care of our Heavenly Father, whose guidance has been felt in every department of our work; and we pray that we may enter upon the coming year's work with greater zeal, realizing that with God's abiding presence and blessing the best success may be attained.

L. H. GARNER, *Principal.*

49. The report of the Trustees of the George Sturge, Benj. F. Knowles, and Henry Camp Funds was read and approved.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE STURGE, BENJAMIN F. KNOWLES, AND HENRY CAMP FUNDS.

Financial Statement.

GEORGE STURGE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$17 40
Coupons paid Ninth Month, 1894	727 50
" " Second Month 2d, 1895	727 50
Interest on Deposits	15 12
	$1,487 52

EXPENDITURES.

Assisting Students, Fall Term, 1894	$297 19
" " Spring Term, 1895	1,183 50
Balance for new account	6 83
	$1,487 52

BENJAMIN F. KNOWLES FUND.

RECEIPTS.

To dividend 57, Willimantic Linen Company	$4 50
" 58, Willimantic Linen Company	4 50
	$9 00

EXPENDITURES.

Sixth Month 7th, 1895. Paid Freedmen's Committee	9 00

HENRY CAMP FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.	$7 23
Interest on Mortgage for $1,000	60 00
	$67 23

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Committee on Freedmen, Second Month 2d, 1895 . .	$30 00
" " " Fifth Month 29th, 1895 . .	27 23
Box in Rhode Island Safe Deposit	10 00
	$67 23

On behalf of the Trustees,

SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON.
AUGUSTINE JONES.

50. Epistles were read from our Friends of Wilmington, Baltimore, and Western Yearly Meetings. We have enjoyed these tokens of love and sympathy.

Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 18TH.

The meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

51. Epistles from Indiana, Iowa, and Kansas Yearly Meetings have been acceptably read.

52. The request received from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting is referred to the Representatives in attendance at this Meeting.

53. The request from Dover Quarterly Meeting is referred to the same body.

54. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting proposes that in First and Fourth Months the Meeting shall convene at 11 A. M. instead of 11.30, as at present.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting asks that this Meeting be held in Ninth Month at Winthrop, instead of St. Albans as at present.

Both requests were united with by the Meeting.

55. The Minute No. 68 of last year was now considered, and the Meeting was fully united in adopting this minute as a part of our Discipline.

It was suggested that this portion be printed on slips, to be inserted in our Book of Discipline. The Clerk was directed to cause two thousand copies to be printed, and call on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the amount requisite to defray the expense.

56. The names of the following Friends were received from the Nominating Committee to form a Committee on the Care of the Western Indians: William O. Newhall, Augustine Jones, and others.

On Peace, Benjamin F. Trueblood, Thomas Wood, and others.

For the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic, Joseph Atwater, Louisa N. Meader, and others.

They are appointed to the services.

57. The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of society as developed in the answers to the queries.

The answers are as follows: —

SUMMARY.

1. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except some of the meetings at Nantucket, fifty-nine in other places, and a few other exceptions noted, but the number not given.

Meetings on First day are duly attended, and nearly at the hour appointed, by most of our members. The mid-week meetings continue to be neglected by many; but from two of these an increased attendance is reported.

2. Nearly all our Quarterly Meetings report some exceptions in regard to the maintenance of love and unity, and that detraction is not sufficiently guarded against. Care is taken to end differences, when they appear, but it is not always extended as timely as would be best.

3. Friends are generally careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train their children and others under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

4. Most Friends read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families, and encourage their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty.

Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained, with a few exceptions.

5. With twenty-four exceptions, Friends abstain from use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Nearly clear in regard to amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character.

6. The circumstances of the poor receive due attention, and care is taken to educate their children.

7. With few exceptions, clear as to military matters and oaths. Clear as to defrauding the public revenue.

8. We think Friends, with few exceptions, are careful to inspect their affairs and to settle their accounts. Some exceptions noted as to the fulfillment of promises and payment of debts.

Generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9. Careful as to records. Not quite clear as to certificates.

10. The discipline, when administered, has been in Christian tenderness, but not always as timely as would be best.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

In waiting upon the Lord, the people renew their strength. This blessed communion is not confined to time or place, but as we prayerfully gather together for worship, His promise is fulfilled, to be in the midst. Precious unfoldings of the truth are given to the souls thus shut in with God, sometimes intended for the comfort and instruction of the individual, sometimes to be shared with others around.

In the busy, restless age in which we live we cannot afford to lose the strength which comes in thus leaving the cares of the world for a season, and communing with the Lord. "No man liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." It is impossible to measure our influence for good or evil. The circle may widen until the wave set in motion by our actions may reach the shores of the Haven of Rest, or some poor wanderer may, by our inconsistences, be turned from the way of life.

In this day when the Christian churches are pulsing with interest in the subject of Peace, it is incumbent upon Friends to maintain the high standard upheld by our ancestors. The thought of the brotherhood of man, and the principles of Christian forbearance, still need to be prominently asserted.

While thankful for the favorable circumstances surrounding us, and the Christian training of godly parents, we should be patient with the erring ones who have but stumbled in the path which we, in our weakness, have trodden.

Let no disparaging word be heard against the character of any one, but in loving, prayerful effort may we seek to bring the wanderers to Christ. God will hear and answer prayer, and give to us those for whose salvation we so earnestly yearn. Be not discouraged by apparent failures; the question is not, must a man fall, but whether he will rise again.

The work of the church is twofold,— to bring in converts, and to build up Christian character. "Take this child away and nurse it for me," is the message of the Spirit today, and as she fulfills her mission God will give His blessing. Filled with the spirit of her Lord, she will seek the lost and with patience and meekness strive to raise them, and build them up in the most holy faith.

Immortal interests are in the hands of those who know the Lord. See to it that all are faithful in doing "with their might, what their hands find to do," so that when the home calls shall be sounded, they can say, "Here am I with the children whom thou hast given me."

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY AFTERNOON, SIXTH MONTH 18TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

58. Quarterly Meetings were requested to appoint the Superintendents for their Bible Schools.

59. They were also requested to appoint the Yearly Meeting's Finance Committee.

60. The Representative Meeting records of last year's work were read and the action of the Meeting approved.

61. They report that the subject of the advisability of a revision and reprint of our Book of Discipline claimed their attention, but no way seemed to open for that service at present.

62. The bequests of Eleanor Cattell and Christopher Wray have been received, and appropriated according to the wills of the donors. The bequest of Sarah H. Henly has not yet been received and is referred to the care of the next Representative Meeting.

63. The subject of building a vault at Friends' School for the better preservation of records is also referred to the next Representative Meeting.

64. The Representatives to whom was referred the request of Dover Quarterly Meeting presented the following, which was accepted by the Meeting, viz : —

> Letters of recommendation from other denominations may be received as requests for membership, and Monthly Meetings have the privilege of granting letters of recommendation to other denominations for any of our members who give evidence of having been born again, and who are leading consistent Christian lives, who wish to unite themselves with other bodies of Christians.

65. In regard to the request from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, they report that they could not see the advisability of adopting this proposition.

They, however, recommend that the following paragraphs should be inserted in our Book of Discipline immediately following that part of the Discipline adopted by the Yearly Meeting at the morning session, Sixth Month 18th, 1895.

The important subjects claimed the serious consideration of the Meeting, and were united with, and directed to be placed as proposed in our Book of Discipline for present action. The Clerk is directed to have slips printed embracing these subjects, to be inserted as proposed.

1. It is the conclusion of this Meeting that if any of our members, either by practice or teaching, advocate the outward rite of Baptism or of the Lord's Supper they shall not be appointed to any official position in their respective Meetings while they continue such practice or teaching.

2. Any member who persists in advocating doctrines contrary to the teaching of our Discipline, after proper labor bestowed, should be disowned.

66. They also presented the names of the following Friends to serve as a Representative Meeting this year, with which this Meeting unites.

The names will be found under "Standing Committees."

67. The Nominating Committee presented the names of Friends to serve on the Bible School Committee, whose names will appear under "Standing Committees."

68. Superintendent of Bible Schools, Mary L. Chase.

69. An appropriation of $25 was asked to pay for printing reports of Oskaloosa Educational Conference, which was referred to Finance Committee.

Adjourned to meet in separate session to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 19TH.

The Meeting assembled in separate session pursuant to adjournment.

70. The Auditors presented their report, which is satisfactory. We approve of the recommendation that the sum named, two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500) be raised for the use of the Meeting, and Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay

their respective proportion of said sum to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

We also appoint Samuel R. Buffinton for Treasurer of this meeting, James H. Chace for Treasurer of Providence Friends' School Funds, and Joseph E. Briggs for Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary; Women's Meeting concurring.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the Yearly Meeting: —

RECEIPTS.

Balance last year	$1,160 46	
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	550 00	
Salem Quarterly Meeting	450 00	
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting	500 00	
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting	212 50	
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting	150 00	
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting	137 50	
Dover Quarterly Meeting	150 00	
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting	300 00	
Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting	50 00	
Loans by notes on demand	3,000 00	
Sales of "Book of Discipline"	15 30	
Dividends and interest	84 24	
Temperance Committee returned loan	50 00	
Peace Committee returned loan	50 00	
		$6,860 00

EXPENDITURES.

Yearly Meeting Expenses	$399 50	
Paid rent of Safe Deposit Box	5 00	
" interest on Oak Grove Note	75 00	
" principal account (Oak Grove Note)	500 00	
(Balance due on note $1,000.)		
Paid Committee on Freedmen	500 00	
" " " Western Indians	525 00	
" printing, stationery, and copying	556 93	
" interest on loans	36 06	
Loans returned	3,000 00	
Paid Finance Committee	40 00	
" Temperance Committee Loan	50 00	
" Peace Committee Loan	50 00	
Balance in Treasurer's hands	1,122 51	
		$6,860 00

71. It is the conclusion of this Meeting that in future the Finance Committee shall report to the Yearly Meeting the sum to be raised for its use each year, and also a list of the amounts called for by the respective committees for their use.

The Committee on Returning Minutes presented the following for Seneca H. Stevens: "Seneca H. Stevens acceptably attended this Meeting"; and recommended that similar ones be furnished to Ellison R. Purdy, Fernando G. Cartland, Susie Norris, David J. Lewis, Peter W. Raidabaugh, Silas F. Strout, Lindley A. Wells, Barclay Jones, John M. Watson, and John Henry Douglass.

The minute is approved by this and the Women's Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish each of the above with a copy signed on our behalf.

73. The Committee on Nominations presented names for a Committee on the Distribution of the Mosher Fund, whose names will appear under "Standing Committee."

The report was approved, with the concurrence of Women Friends.

74. The answers to the queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a minute of that Meeting, have been read, viz.: —

ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES OF THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

1. With some exceptions we are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of our families.

2. With a few exceptions, we are in unity one with another and with the Meetings to which we belong, and favored to harmonize in our Christian labors.

3. Friends are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

MINUTE FROM THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

We have been impressed at this time that every individual member who has received any gift is a debtor to those about him, and that the work in the Lord's vineyard not only requires diligence but practical application of the use of every talent. It is not the ministry of one set type or of a fixed range that is wanted, but the great variety of character and nature in the world requires a great variety in the presentation of the truth.

We need to keep ourselves true and warm, working from the heart, and then we shall be instruments for the salvation of men. Every member should go to meeting, saying, "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?" More earnestness is needed in these days in urging every member of the family to attend the meetings for worship, and in emphasizing the truth that individual private worship is not enough for the maintenance of strong spiritual life and power. We need the helpful influence and strength which come from the meeting together of God's children and the faithful exercise of gifts in the public assembly, and the children should especially be brought to the house of worship.

The day has not gone by when the Master says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." It is a universal command for the ages, and all things necessary will be provided for the servants of the Master's choice.

A church that is powerful in the earth is made up of living members, each one waiting reverently to find his service, and performing it with gladness and fidelity, whether it be in business occupation, in the home, or in the definite lines of religious service. The practical work of the church is to catch men, as it was of the first apostles, and every place in the Yearly Meeting ought to be a birthplace of souls. The small and slowly dying meetings will soon begin to grow and widen their range of influence when the few who are left in them realize what they can do through the power of the living God; and it becomes every Christian to hold on in faith and to help extend the Kingdom of God, and when the new members are added they should be hailed with joy, as a new child is welcomed into the family. It requires hard work to bring men to Christ, but it is the highest and noblest occupation that any person can engage in.

When we are thoroughly alive and are doing the work to which we are called, the world will soon know where we stand and what we believe. Not only right feeling, but right thinking and right doing are necessary.

The ministry ought to be as high as God has put it; everything else is secondary. There is something infinitely more important than to make a good living. Every one of our meetings ought to have active preaching of the gospel from year's end to year's end. The work of building up believers in their spiritual life, and of the salvation of souls, should be uninterrupted and definite. In every healthy organized meeting there will be a specialized ministry working in perfect harmony with the ministry and exercise of the whole body.

The Eldership is not simply an empty position of honor, but the Elders should take an active part in carrying on the spiritual work of the church. No Friend's meeting ought to be dependent for its existence on the attendance of any one minister or any number of ministers. The meeting should always be self-sustaining under the Divine help, and the Elders and the overseers ought to be men and women of spiritual power, and active workers so that they can bear their share in the real work of the church. A Friend in the life ought to be as movable under the Spirit as this great atmosphere is under the sunlight. The church must learn to fish for men as a unit, all laying hold in their place to make the great work a success, combining efforts to a central purpose.

Every Christian should contribute something, his best, to the service of Christ. We want organization for efficient work, but not in any sense to limit the Holy Spirit. The minister should speak with a real experience of the struggles and trials of life, and, while raising the ministry to its highest efficiency, we shall be careful not to make the distance between the ministry and the people too great.

RUFUS M. JONES, *Clerk.*

75. The Committee on Finance for 1895 and 1896 recommend the following appropriations from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting, viz.: —

For Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs . .	$525 00
Principal and Interest on Oak Grove Note . . .	550 00
Freedmen (Maryville Institute)	500 00
Printing reports of Oskaloosa Iowa Educational Conference	25 00
Toward payment of note on Portland Meeting-house . .	250 00
Expenses of Finance Committee	25 00
	$1,875 00

which report is approved by this and the Women's Meeting.

Adjourned to meet in joint session at 2.30 P. M.

FOURTH-DAY AFTERNOON, SIXTH MONTH 19TH.

The Meeting assembled in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

76. The following Committee has been appointed to make all necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the session of our next Yearly Meeting, as way may open. They are also requested to propose times and places for the various committees to meet, which are now or may be then under appointment, viz.: —

For One Year.

John A. Macomber,
Mary L. Cobb,
James M. Estes,
Elisha T. Read.

For Two Years.

Thomas Wood,
Almira B. Buffum,
Lewis M. Douglass,
Myra E. Frye.

For Three Years.

Samuel R. Buffinton,
Susan Peckham,
Robert P. Gifford,
Hannah J. Bailey.

77. The following minute was received from the Women's Meeting and fully united with: —

> The Meeting was united in proposing that the Yearly Meeting of 1896 be held in separate sessions on Fourth-day morning.
>
> Taken from the Minutes,
>
> R. S. MURRAY, *Clerk.*

78. An epistle to our friends in Ramallah was read and approved. The reading of this letter brought our distant friends very near to us, as well as the presence of our dear brother and sister, Charles M. and Ellen Jones, who are soon to go out to labor in Bible lands.

A season of prayer followed, in which our friends were liberated by the church to the service to which they feel called. We trust that He who sends out His messengers may fulfill His promise and go before them, strengthening them in their labor of love.

79. The Committee on correspondence presented drafts of epistles to our friends of London and Dublin Yearly Meetings, also an epistle directed to all the Yearly Meetings on the American continent. They were read and approved.

They also furnished copies of letters to the young people, to the children of New England Yearly Meeting, and to the sick and afflicted, which were approved, and the Clerks were directed to sign all the essays and forward as proposed. Copies of the three latter epistles are to be printed and circulated within the limits of our Yearly Meeting.

80. It was directed that two thousand six hundred copies of our Minutes be printed, and the Clerks are authorized to attend to

the same, and Almira B. Buffum and J. Ellwood Paige are appointed to assist them.

81. Quarterly Meetings are directed to send up one set of answers to the queries to the Yearly Meeting next year.

82. It was requested that the Clerk should call special attention of the Monthly Meetings to certain portions of the Minutes which might be helpful to the Subordinate Meetings.

83. As we conclude our Annual Assembly, we would reverently acknowledge the overshadowing and continued presence of our Divine Master throughout all of our varied deliberations.

We have been enabled to transact the important affairs of the church in great harmony and love, and now, as we return to our homes and fields of labor, we pray that the coming year may be more fruitful in service to Him, and in the advancing of the Redeemer's Kingdom among men.

The Meeting now adjourns to meet in joint session at Newport, R. I., at the usual time in the Sixth Month next, if the Lord permit.

TIMOTHY B. HUSSEY,
RUTH S. MURRAY, } *Clerks.*

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

For One Year.

Augustine Jones	Providence, R. I.
William O. Newhall	Lynn, Mass,
Elizabeth A. Gifford	Adamsville, R. I.
George H. Farr	Lewiston, Me.
Alice M. Dow	Bolton, Mass.
Eliza P. Pierce	East Vessalboro, Me.
Lydia M. C. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Jesse McPherson	Winthrop Centre, Me.
John B. Cartland	North Sandwich, N. H.
Myra E. Frye	Woodfords, Me.
Charles A. Chace	355 Fall River, Mass.
D. Wheeler Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Lucy R. Goddard	Woodfords, Me.
Owen Dame	Lynn, Mass.
Charles H. Thorndike	Concord, N. H.
Benjamin Greene	Portsmouth, R. I.

For Two Years.

Phebe S. Aydelott	Fall River, Mass.
Daniel C. Maxfield	Amesbury, Mass.
John B. Baylies	New Bedford, Mass.
John J. Frye	Portland, Me.
Deborah P. Atherton	Uxbridge, Mass.
Annie M. Ray	South China, Me.
William P. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Lydia A. Cartland	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Levi Jones	Winthrop, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Salome C. Wheeler	Uxbridge, Mass.
John S. Kimber	Newport, R. I.
Melissa S. Dearborn	East Parsonsfield, Me.
J. Hacker Hall	Windham Center, Me.
Olney T. Meader	Boston, Mass.

For Three Years.

Samuel R. Buffinton	Fall River, Mass.
Lucy T. Herbert	17 Chatham Street, Lynn, Mass.
Susan F. Hoxie	Sandwich, Mass.
Ezra Hawkes	Portland, Me.
Isaac Steere	Harrisville, R. I.
Henry H. Goddard	Vassalboro, Me.
Timothy B. Hussey	North Berwick, Me.
I. Warren Hawkes	Manchester, Me.
Silas H. Cartland	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Sarah J. Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Joseph E. Briggs	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Anna G. Wood	New Bedford, Mass.
Joseph D. Wood	215 State Street, Boston, Mass.
Elizabeth K. Jones	South China, Me.
Philip A. Cornell	South Dartmouth, Mass.
George L. Crosman	Lynn, Mass.

PROVIDENCE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

For One Year.

Timothy B. Hussey.
Samuel R. Buffinton.
James H. Chace.
Peter M. Neal.
Samuel Buffum.
Robert P. Gifford.

Rachel S. Howland.
Ellen K. Buffum.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Anna G. Wood.
Deborah W. Crosman.
Deborah P. Atherton.

For Two Years.

I. Warren Hawkes.
William O. Newhall.
Daniel C. Maxfield.
Charles A. Chace.
Olney T. Meader.
Charles Sisson.

Ruth S. Murray.
Alice W. Maxfield.
Anna M. Hussey.
Elizabeth H. Newhall.
Sarah Marble.
Susan Peckham.

For Three Years.

Edward T. Tucker.
Joshua L. Macomber.
John J. Frye.
Charles E. Cobb.
Thomas Wood.
Barker Newhall.

Bessie T. Wing.
S. Caroline Tobey.
Mary A. Crosman.
M. Augusta Battey.
Martha Hoag, of Boston.
Rufus M. Jones.

Real Estate Committee.

For One Year.

James H. Chace.
Samuel R. Buffinton.

For Two Years.

Olney T. Meader.
Robert P. Gifford.

For Three Years.

Charles Sisson.
Thomas Wood.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Chairman, George A. Barton.
Secretary, Anna F. Hall, Windham Centre, Me.
Treasurer, John Ellwood Paige, Lynn, Mass.

For One Year.

George A. Barton.
Rufus M. Jones.
Anna F. Hall.

For Two Years.

Myra E. Frye.
J. Ellwood Paige.
Ruth S. Murray.

For Three Years.

Gertrude W. Cartland.
Sarah Marble.
Wilmot R. Jones.

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

Chairman, Benjamin F. Trueblood, 3 Somerset St., Boston, Mass.
Treasurer, Thomas Wood, 215 State Street, Boston, Mass.
Secretary, Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.

For One Year.

Benjamin F. Trueblood	Boston, Mass.
Thomas Wood	215 State Street, Boston, Mass.
Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Silas H. Cartland	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Sylvester S. Aldrich	Woonsocket, R. I.

For Two Years.

Nathaniel W. Gifford	New Bedford, Mass.
Ellen Bangs	Dover, N. H.
Mary C. Baylies	New Bedford, Mass.
Samuel R. Buffinton	Fall River, Mass.
James M. Estes	Vassalboro, Me.
George H. Farr	Lewiston, Me.

For Three Years.

Martha E. Hoag	North Sandwich, N. H.
Elizabeth K. Jones	South China, Me.
S. Jane Cox	Portland, Me.
Sarah A. Hill	Amesbury, Mass.
Caroline Alice Jones	Providence, R. I.
Gertrude W. Cartland	Newburyport, Mass.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

President, Joseph H. Atwater, Providence, R. I.
Secretary, Ella L. Andrews, Worcester, Mass.
Treasurer, Elisha T. Read, Woonsocket, R. I.
Superintendent of Literature, Mary A. Chase, Manchester, N. H.
Superintendent of Lectures, Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.

Executive Committee.

Joseph H. Atwater.
Elisha T. Read.
Ella L. Andrews.
Mary A. Chase.
Hannah J. Bailey.

GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

For One Year.

Joseph H. Atwater	Providence, R. I.
Louisa N. Meader	Saylesville, R. I.
William Wood	Lawrence, Mass.
Mary A. Chase	Manchester, N. H.
Joshua L. Macomber	Mattapoisett, Mass.
George L. Crosman	Lynn, Mass.
Susan M. Seabury	New Bedford, Mass.

For Two Years.

Mary C. Baylies	New Bedford, Mass.
Elisha T. Read	Woonsocket, R. I.
Ella L. Andrews	Worcester, Mass.
Josiah B. Holder	Lewiston, Me.
Lucy A. Snow	Windham Centre, Me.
George H. Cates	East Vassalboro, Me.
Emma F. R. Goddard	Vassalboro, Me.

For Three Years.

Charles E. Peaslee	Gonic, N. H.
Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Clara W. Bowery	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Leslie O. Meader	North Sandwich, N. H.
Mary L. Cobb	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Lizzie T. Hoag	North Sandwich, N. H.

COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

Chairman, Charles M. Bailey.
Secretary, I. Warren Hawkes.
Treasurer, Joseph E. Briggs.

For One Year.

Charles M. Bailey.
C. Irving Bailey.
Charles M. Jones.
Joseph E. Briggs.
John J. Frye.
Sophia D. Bailey.
Hannah J. Bailey.
S. Jane Cox.
Emma S. Briggs.
Myra E. Frye.
George L. Crosman.

For Two Years.

Timothy B. Hussey.
Frank E. Jones.
Alfred H. Jones.
Henry Winslow.
Elwood A. Bailey.
Ruthanna H. Washburn.
Eliza P. Pierce.
Mary E. Taber.
Mary G. Winslow.
Elenora S. Woodman.
I. Warren Hawkes.

For Three Years.

Jesse McPherson.
George H. Cates.
William H. Douglass.
Herbert O. Jepson.
Melvin M. Bailey.
Sarah Marble.
Anna M. Priest.
Eliza B. Douglass.
Clara W. Mumford.
Lettie M. Bailey.
Rufus M. Jones.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Chairman, Timothy B. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.
Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Ruth S. Murray, New Bedford, Mass.
Treasurer, William T. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.

For One Year.

Timothy B. Hussey.
Anna G. Wood.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Anna M. Husssy.
Charles M. Jones.
Harriette D. Collins.
Alice C. Earle.

For Two Years.

William Thompson.
Ruth S. Murray.
Huldah H. Leighton.
Susan T. Thompson.
Robert P. Gifford.
Olney T. Meader.
William T. Hussey.

For Three Years.

Samuel Buffum.
Henry D. Swift.
D. Wheeler Swift.
Gulielma C. Wood.
Martha E. Hoag.
Elizabeth K. Jones.
Mary W. Jones, of Winthrop Centre.

COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

Chairman, William O. Newhall.
Secretary, Myra E. Frye.
Recording Secretary, Sarah J. Swift.
Treasurer, Samuel Buffum.

For One Year.

William O. Newhall	Lynn, Mass.
Augustine Jones	Friends' School, Providence, R. I.
John J. Frye	Woodfords, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Joseph D. Wood	634 Warren Street, Roxbury, Mass.
Electa J. Collins	Great Barrington, Mass.

For Two Years.

Edward T. Tucker	New Bedford, Mass.
Sarah J. Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Lizzie M. Hawkes	Manchester, Me.
Ellen K. Buffum	Providence, R. I.
Myra E. Frye	Woodfords, Me.
Asa C. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Anna M. Gove	Seabrook, N. H.

For Three Years.

Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Emma S. Briggs	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Mary D. Collins	Hopkinton City, R. I.
Susan H. Meader	634 Warren Street, Roxbury, Mass.
Almira B. Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
John S. Kimber	Newport, R. I.
Elisha T. Read	Woonsocket, R. I.

Associated Executive Committee.

William O. Newhall.
Emeline H. Tuttle.
John S. Kimber.
Myra E. Frye.

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Secretary and Treasurer, Robert P. Gifford.

For One Year.

Joseph E. Briggs.
Susan F. Hoxie.

For Two Years.

George A. Barton.
Anna M. Hussey.

For Three Years.

Robert P. Gifford.
Hannah J. Bailey.

ORGANIZATION OF GOSPEL COMMITTEE.

Chairman, Charles H. Jones.
Secretary, Harriette D. Collins.
Treasurer, Joseph E. Briggs.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents of Gospel Work.

Rhode Island, Phebe S. Aydelott.
Salem, Charles H. Thorndike.
Sandwich, William P. Macomber.
Falmouth, Henry F. Newell.
Smithfield, Salome C. Wheeler.
Vassalboro, James M. Estes.
Dover, Emeline H. Tuttle.
Fairfield, Jesse McPherson.
Parsonsfield, Silas H. Cartland.

At Large.

For One Year.

Joseph E. Briggs.

For Two Years.

Harriette D. Collins.

For Three Years.

Charles H. Jones.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

Chairman, Benjamin F. Trueblood.
Secretary, George L. Crosman.
Treasurer, Thomas Wood.

For One Year.

Thomas Wood.
Timothy B. Hussey.
John J. Frye.
Melvin M. Bailey.

For Two Years.

Charles M. Bailey.
Joseph E. Briggs.
Phebe S. Aydelott.
Benjamin F. Trueblood.

For Three Years.

Charles A. Chace.
Anna M. Gove.
George L. Crosman.
Sarah W. Newlin.

Trustees.

D. Wheeler Swift, one year.
Samuel Buffum, two years.
Olney T. Meader, three years.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Yearly Meeting Superintendent, MARY L. CHACE, 17 High St., Fall River.
Secretary and Treasurer, MARIANNA GIFFORD, 70 Rock St., Fall River.

COMMITTEE.

MARIANNA GIFFORD.
GEO. C. HERBERT, Lynn, Mass.
GEO. L. CROSMAN, Lynn, Mass.

QUARTERLY MEETING SUPERINTENDENTS.

RHODE ISLAND, M. Augusta Battey.
SALEM, Alice W. Jones.
SANDWICH, Sarah H. Taber.
FALMOUTH, Lewis M. Douglas.
SMITHFIELD, Dorcas H. Babcock.
VASSALBORO, Annie M. Priest.
DOVER, William T. Hussey.
FAIRFIELD, Alfred W. Hawkes.
PARSONSFIELD, Cornelius Turner.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

For One Year.

Thomas J. Battey	Providence, R. I.
Marianna Gifford	Fall River, Mass.
George C. Herbert	Lynn, Mass.
Sarah D. Brown	22 Highland St., Amesbury, Mass.
Joshua L. Macomber	Mattopoisett, Mass.
Sarah H. Taber	New Bedford, Mass.

For Two Years.

Elbridge W. Packard	Lewiston, Me.
Anna J. Goddard	91 Winter St., Portland, Me.
Elisha T. Read	Woonsocket, R. I.
Alice M. Dow	Bolton, Mass.
Linwood W. Jones	South China, Me.
Abbie P. Jenkins	East Vassalboro, Me.

For Three Years.

Clarence I. Pinkham	Dover, N. H.
Elizabeth B. Lord	North Berwick, Me.
C. Irving Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Martha B. Osborne	Manchester, Me.
Thomas W. Hoag	North Sandwich, Me.
Melissa S. Dearborn	East Parsonsfield, Me.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Rhode Island, Samuel R. Buffinton, Phebe S. Aydelott.
Salem, Owen Dame, Anna M. Gove.
Sandwich, John B. Baylies, Susan F. Hoxie.
Falmouth, John J. Frye, Lucy R. Goddard.
Smithfield, D. Wheeler Swift, Deborah P. Atherton.
Vassalboro, Alfred H. Jones, Mary R. Jones.
Dover, William P. Tuttle, Almira B. Buffum.
Fairfield, Joseph E. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey.
Parsonsfield, Silas H. Cartland, Lizzie S. Hoag.

YEARLY MEETING CORRESPONDENTS.

Joseph Cartland, Newburyport, Mass.
Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Maine.
Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Maine.

COMMITTEE ON MOSHER FUND.

Henry H. Goddard, Chairman, J. Elwood Paige, Treasurer, Deborah P. Atherton, Secretary.

For One Year.

John L. Taylor. Anna F. Hall.
Mary W. Jones, Winthrop Centre.

For Two Years.

Henry H. Goddard. Deborah P. Atherton.
Mary L. Cobb.

For Three Years.

Samuel Buffum. J. Ellwood Paige.
Susan Peckham.

Trustees of the Mosher Fund.

Charles M. Bailey. Olney T. Meader.
Owen Dame.

MINUTES

OF

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1895.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

Fourth-day, Sixth Month 19th.

The Meeting assembled in separate session according to adjournment. Epistles from our sisters in Dublin, North Carolina, Indiana, and Western Yearly Meetings were received and read, to our comfort and edification.

The report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was read, and we rejoice in this manifestation of Christian activity. The Lord, who has called to the work, has richly blessed the labors of his devoted children, and we trust a full fruitage to his glory may be seen in the years to come.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:

STATISTICS.

	Number of Auxiliaries.		Number of Members.	
	1894.	1895.	1894.	1895.
Rhode Island	6	6	114	99
Salem	5	5	132	129
Sandwich.	4	4	61	54
Falmouth	3	4	85	76
Smithfield	2	2	46	45
Vassalboro	3	3	60	63
Dover	1	1	9	10
Fairfield	3	3	48	73
Parsonsfield	2	2	36	25
Total	29	30	591	574

Auxiliaries, 30; gained, 1; members, 574; lost, 17; life members, 23.

Review Table of Statistics.

In	1886	we had	31	auxiliaries,	with	617	members.
"	1887	"	29	"	"	646	"
"	1888	"	27	"	"	526	"
"	1889	"	25	"	"	475	"
"	1890	"	24	"	"	467	"
"	1891	"	33	"	"	623	"
"	1892	"	33	"	"	644	"
"	1893	"	31	"	"	627	"
"	1894	"	29	"	"	591	"
"	1895	"	30	"	"	574	"

The work in Ramallah and among the Indians has received our first attention, but aid has also been extended to the Jewish Mission in Chicago, to sufferers in Nebraska and Kansas, a native missionary from Africa, to the work in Alaska, and by one auxiliary towards educating a little girl in India.

Twenty-six auxiliaries are reported as giving attention to the department of Missionary Literature, twenty-five to that of Proportionate Systematic Giving, and seventeen to Junior and Juvenile work.

Six auxiliaries endeavor to observe the first First day in each month as missionary days.

Fifty honorary members, men and boys, are reported.

The number of public meetings reported is so very small that we fear the record is incomplete. We will give it, however, as it is reported. Fourteen public meetings, fifteen prayer meetings, four missionary concerts, and three lectures. We surely need stirring up on the line of public meetings.

Money has been raised for the work in various ways, methods known to all our auxiliaries, but nothing has been reported that appears to be at all objectionable. We do hope that more will be done in the matter of proportionate systematic giving than has been. That certainly seems the Scriptural and therefore the most God-honoring method.

There still seems great need of pressing our department work. The work cannot be carried on without money, and surely if each would set apart so small a sum as one tenth of his income, there would be no lack of means. Our children and young people, too, must be trained to a genuine love of the work if they are to come up and fill the places of us, who are older, when we fall out of the ranks. Then, too, we need to be enlightened as to the field and its needs, and this must come to us largely through literature. A faithful study of the Uniform Lessons prepared for the *Advocate* is a wonderful help in this direction. Will we not try to do more on all these lines?

Our dear workers at the Kickapoo Mission have been indefatigable in their labors during the past year, and the Lord had blessed them and their work. They have the terrible drink evil to contend with there, as we have it here. Soon after our last Yearly Meeting Elizabeth Test wrote: "The effect of the open saloons is terrible in this new country. Even small boys four and five years old drink. Choctaw City with two or three hundred inhabitants has three open saloons, and our Indians go there and get drunk. It will be much worse if they open towns in here with saloons at every corner." The universal testimony of our missionaries in all lands is, that where the barrel of rum precedes the Bible or goes with it, — yes, and where it follows it, too, deadly work is done, and the wheels of the gospel car are sadly blocked.

Another hindrance has been the unsettled condition of the Kickapoos with regard to taking their allotments. They think themselves greatly wronged by the Government, and have little confidence in any white people except the missionaries. It is hard to erase from their minds the memory of a "Century of Dishonor."

Towards the close of the last year the hearts of the missionaries were greatly encouraged by blessed answers to their prayers for the welfare of the people among whom they labored. The visit of the late Professor Painter was greatly blessed of the Lord. John S. Kimber, son of our beloved Margaret C. Kimber, of sainted memory, also made them a visit, which was reported to us in Twelfth Month. Of this E. Test says: "He won his way to the hearts of the Indians at once, and signal blessings attended his gospel ministrations. In company with some of the workers he visited the Shawnees, spending the night in one of their floorless cabins, and living as the Indians lived. The next First day was one of great blessing; thirty-four Indians gathered, though it was a rainy day. An after meeting was held with very blessed results. It is believed that Parthee was converted, and he soon began to go about telling of Jesus." Not long after we hear of his rising in meeting and preaching with singular power and unction to his people in their "own tongue wherein they were born." This was something which we had been asking definitely, and God granted our petition.

A blessed work of grace has also been going on among the children, and E. Test says of them, "An earnestness is displayed by some of the young converts which is really inspiring. All of the children, with little exception, seem to be really trying to walk in the ways of the Lord."

Through the kindness of a Friend, means have been furnished for a small addition to E. Test's house, so that Rachel Kirk can make her home with them, and their hearts are greatly cheered at the prospect of her company and her helpful advice and counsel in their work.

There being a prospect of a change in several helpers at the Mission, our prayers are asked that the right ones may be sent, and that wisdom may be given to those who stand at the head of the work in all their decisions. Lina B. Lunt is still E. Test's faithful coadjutor in the work. We are still endeavoring to support twenty-one girls in the Training Home at Ramallah. There are at present twenty-four girls in the Home.

Two of the new pupils came from Cana of Galilee, two from Jerusalem, and one from *es*-Salt beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab. The wildest of them soon began to show signs of improvement, learned cheerfully to obey the rules of the school, and became very happy and contented.

In writing of the new pupils, Katie Gabriel says, "Those from Cana represent the old Canaanites of the land, and are examples of how much there is to be done to elevate their people. We are glad to have the privilege of helping such, and trust they will prove that the time and means spent on them have not been wasted."

These girls are from many different localities throughout Palestine, and as they return to their scattered homes their Christian influence will be widely spread.

At the close of the present month, a class of seven girls will graduate, receive their diplomas, and be prepared to teach in both Arabic and English. They have been thoroughly instructed, and best of all we believe they are practical Christians. Two of them will remain in the Training Home as assistant teachers, four will be employed to assist in the day schools of the village of Ramallah, and one will go to assist her mother, a native Christian woman, who is teaching an interesting school in Jiffneh, supported by the friends of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

One dear girl, who expected to graduate this year, was obliged to leave school on account of ill health. We hope she may be able to return and complete her course of study. While an inmate of the hospital at Jerusalem, her sweet Christian influence was felt by all those about her. She sang the hymns she had learned in the Training Home, and told the children in her gentle way the stories of the Bible that she knew and loved so well. We hope, if spared, she will become, in the Lord's hands, a great blessing to the people who now dwell in deplorable ignorance and spiritual darkness on the site of the ancient Ophrah, once the home of Gideon, and now her home, her widowed mother having lately removed there from Nazareth.

A gift of ten dollars to be added to our permanent fund has come to us from James F. Almy, in memory of his mother, Julia E. Almy, a member of the auxiliary at Salem, Mass., who passed on, Seventh Month 30th, 1894. A similar gift of ten dollars has also been given by friends of our late dear friend Lavina G. Huntington, who passed on, Fourth Month 10th, 1894, — a minister in Weare Monthly Meeting, N. H. Are there not others who would gladly put such a memorial gift into our work? In this way the work of our dear ones who have passed into the beyond can still be going on.

ELIZABETH T. LARKIN,
Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LITERATURE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS:—

The statistics of this department from First Month 1st, 1894, to First Month 1st, 1895, are as follows, viz:—

Number of auxiliaries having libraries . . .	9
" " " reporting no library . .	19
" " volumes in libraries	64

Two auxiliaries report one or two books bought as a nucleus, and some pamphlets and *Missionary Advocates* for circulation.

Number of subscribers to *Missionary Advocate*, as reported from the auxiliaries, 209; number given during the sessions of the Yearly Meeting, 19, making a total of 228, a decrease of three instead of the greatly desired increase over last year. We fear that we are not as a body properly upholding this valuable paper, and we desire that this year still greater effort may be made to enlarge its circulation. Our general Secretary writes that "if the subscriptions are not increased the board will have to resort to some other methods of paying the cost of the paper, either by premiums or advertisements, to both of which methods there are serious objections. There are many Friends who cannot afford to take it, and others who can do not care for it; could not some of these give the price of the subscription, to send it to one or more of these needy families with whose addresses the editor is supplied?" There have been sent to the local Superintendents 443 tracts or 3,782 pages of reading matter. Reports from seventeen auxiliaries show that 2,560 tracts have been distributed by their local Superintendents, the greatest number by any single one being 568. who writes, "I am very much interested in the work, but am an old lady and a cripple and willing to help the cause, trusting and praying that the Lord will bless my feeble efforts. Four auxiliaries report none distributed, five say a few, or several, or some, three have kept no account, and one mentions that forty tracts have been read and sent to those who wish.

The study of missionary literature will keep us in touch as nothing else will with the great facts of modern civilization, especially as related to its highest type of Christianity, and lack of knowledge is often cause of lack of interest; so we feel that it is important to found more missionary libraries and make this department an educational one.

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH P. LADD,
General Superintendent of Literature.

REPORT OF PROPORTIONATE SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND:

The statistics of this department, as reported by the auxiliaries, are as follows: --

Number of tracts received	444
" " distributed	455
" leaflets received	141
" " distributed	353
" mite-boxes given out	92
" addresses delivered	20
Amount of mite-box collections	$104 20
Number who practise Proportionate Systematic Giving,	165

A catalogue of tracts on Systematic Giving and a Responsive Reading have been sent to the auxiliaries, but the department has not distributed many tracts this year.

The same methods of raising money are generally reported as in former years; but one or two auxiliaries state that they have given up these methods and depend entirely on free-will offerings. There seems thus an advance towards recognizing our stewardship and laying aside a portion for the Lord's work as each is prospered. May our next year show a still further growth in this direction.

This year reports have been received from nearly all the auxiliaries. One auxiliary reports that it does not have the department, and sends no statistics, and others, who report through their Corresponding Secretary, send very imperfect ones. It is believed that there are members of these auxiliaries who are in the practice of proportionate systematic giving, but they are not reported. How can your Superintendent make a complete report to the Yearly Meeting if some auxiliaries refuse to appoint a Superintendent of this department? The looking up of these statistics does not belong properly among the duties of the Corresponding Secretary, and yet she must do it, or none be furnished if there is no Superintendent.

Let every auxiliary remember that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has this department, and that they are not fulfilling their duty if they do not support it properly. If they look at this subject in the right manner, it can scarcely be doubted that next year will find the department fully organized, ready to work, and also to report what has been already accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

D. P. ATHERTON,
Superintendent Proportionate Systematic Giving.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 17th, 1895.

REPORT OF JUNIOR AND JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

To the Yearly Meeting:

For the past year the ten Mission Bands of our Yearly Meeting represent a membership of about one hundred and thirty-five, and they have contributed the sum of $212.92 to the work.

Four day scholars at the Ramallah Mission have been supported by the Bands at Manchester, Portland, North Berwick, Me., and Boston. The expenses of two girls at the Training Home have been paid, one by the Etta Johnston Band of thirty members, at Winthrop Centre, Me., and one by the bands of Portland, Me., and Central Village, Mass. At their annual sale in Portland, the Little Helpers' Mission Band made $27.53. The boys have been very busy in covering stools which will be sold at their next sale, and the girls dressed dolls to send to the Indian children. Whole amount raised, $37.15. The Etta Johnston Band at Winthrop Centre is composed mostly of young ladies. They have been particularly helped by having Etta Johnston herself working with them. This band has raised ninety dollars.

Other bands have assisted the Kickapoo Mission in various ways by money and supplies. We notice that mite-boxes and collections are used generally as a means of raising money, and we also hear of much hand work being done, prompted by loving hearts.

Respectfully submitted,
SARAH D. BROWN, *Superintendent.*

Amesbury, Mass., Sixth Month 5th, 1895.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING, 1894 AND 1895.

Note of M. M. Bailey Investment for the Indian Building Fund		$187 88
RECEIPTS.		
Balance from last year		$14 53
Collection at public meeting at Newport		68 26
Amounts received from Quarterly Meetings' Auxiliaries: —		
Rhode Island	$549 06	
Salem	366 05	
Sandwich	104 87	
Falmouth	197 78	
Smithfield	157 39	
Vassalboro	142 50	
Dover	16 00	
Fairfield	101 84	
Parsonsfield	21 14	
		1,656 63

Bible-school Collections	$98 30
Junior Mission Bands	134 04
Borrowed, Eleventh Month 23d, 1894	270 27
On note of M. M. Bailey for improvement of land at Kickapoo Mission	100 00
Miscellaneous receipts	262 75
Collections at public meetings held by E. H. Johnston, after deducting travelling and incidental expenses	129 62
Borrowed, Third Month 30th, to meet obligations at Ramallah,	60 29
Total	$2,794 69

EXPENDITURES.

William T. Hussey, for girls in Training Home	$1,365 00
" " " seven day scholars	35 00
" " money collected by E. H. Johnston	46 58
For Elizabeth Test's salary	294 88
" Lina B. Lunt's "	294 88
" special support of children at Kickapoo Mission	120 50
On note of M. M. Bailey (Indian Building Fund)	100 00
E. Test, from Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends	40 62
" " a friend	31 00
Miscellaneous expenditures	34 20
Anna L. Evans, for support of Effie E. Swan, India	25 00
Ellen W. Longstreth, Treasurer of Missionary Union	76 76
Anna M. Gove, Trustee, three life memberships	60 00
Paid loan of Eleventh Month 23d, 1895	270 27
Total	$2,794 69
Balance on note of M. M. Bailey for Indian Building Fund	$87 88

We have examined the above account with vouchers for expenditures, and find them correct.

M. AUGUSTA BATTEY, } *Auditors.*
ELIZABETH W. SWAN, }

Satisfactory reports have been received from Treasurers of local auxiliaries in Amesbury, Hallowell, Long Plain, West Gardiner, Salem, North Sandwich, Westport, East Parsonsfield, Newport, Lynn, Bolton, Winthrop Centre, Boston, South Durham, and Allen's Neck. They report money raised by sales, suppers, lectures, mite-box collections, birthday boxes, free-will and thank offerings, and by systematic giving.

Salem Auxiliary reports a box sent to Kickapoo Mission, value about $30, and Lynn Auxiliary clothing sent to same Mission, value, $10; Winthrop Centre Juvenile Band has supported a girl in the Training Home at Ramallah, and forwarded $20 on the next year's account.

Three life members have been received during the year. The list now stands as follows: —

Elizabeth T. Larkin.
Caroline Alice Jones.
Hannah B. Farr.
Etta H. Johnston.
Ruth S. Murray.
Ellen K. Buffum.
Mary H. Robinson.
Mary E. Gifford.
Mary S. Macomber.
Hannah G. Sherman.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Mary R. Osborne.
Huldah H. Leighton.
Anna G. Wood.
Emeline H. Tuttle.
Lydia E. Sawyer.
Phebe S. Aydelott.
Sarah J. Swift.
Elizabeth Austin Gifford.
Lina B. Lunt.
Tacy P. Hawkes.
Lucy R. Goddard.
Myra E. Frye.

Respectfully submitted,
SUSAN H. MEADER, *Treasurer.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 17th, 1895.

For itemized statement of receipts and expenditures see printed reports.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.

RECEIPTS.

Interest on Nebraska Loan and Trust Co.	$12 00
" " A. F. Cox & Sons' note	5 00
" " deposit in Augusta Savings Bank	3 61
For three memberships	60 00
	$80 61

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Susan H. Meader, Treasurer	$7 60
Deposit in Augusta Savings Bank	60 00
Cash on hand	13 01
FOURTH MONTH 1st, 1895.	$80 61

Amount Held in Trust.

Cash on hand	$13 01
In Augusta Savings Bank	160 00
Nebraska Loan and Trust Co.	200 00
A. F. Cox & Sons' note	100 00
	$473 01

For the Trustees,
MARY G. WINSLOW.

WINTHROP CENTRE ME., Fourth Month 1st, 1895.

I have examined the above accounts and the vouchers for expenditures, and found them correct.

M. AUGUSTA BATTEY, *Auditor.*

The following named Friends have been appointed as officers of the Society for the ensuing year: —

President — **Phebe S. Aydelott**, 70 Rock Street, Fall River, Mass.

Vice-President at Large — **Myra E. Frye**, Woodfords, Me., **Ruth S. Murray**, Grove Street, New Bedford, Mass.

Corresponding Secretary — **Elizabeth T. Larkin**, 72 Central Street, Peabody, Mass.

Recording Secretary — **Abby M. C. Breed**, 27 Beach Avenue, Lynn, Mass.

Treasurer — **Susan H. Meader**, 634 Warren Street, Roxbury, Mass.

QUARTERLY MEETING VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Rhode Island — **Adaline F. Chase**, Fall River, Mass., Box 355.
Salem — **Jennie W. Crosman**, Mountain Avenue, Lynn, Mass.
Sandwich — **Elizabeth A. Gifford**, Adamsville, R. I.
Smithfield — **Sarah J. Swift**, 22 Oak Avenue, Worcester, Mass.
Dover — **Almira B. Buffum**, North Berwick, Me.
Falmouth — **Miriam C. Webber**, Lisbon Falls, Me.
Vassalboro — **Eliza P. Pierce**, East Vassalboro, Me.
Fairfield — **Lizzie M. Hawkes**, Manchester, Me.
Parsonsfield — **Mary L. Cobb**, Parsonsfield, Me.

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND.

For One Year — **Mary G. Winslow**, Winthrop Centre, Me.
For Two Years — **Hannah J. Bailey**, Winthrop Centre, Me.
For Three Years — **Anna M. Gove**, Seabrook, N. H.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Proportionate and Systematic Giving — **Deborah P. Atherton**, Uxbridge, Mass.

Literature — **Hannah C. Ladd**, Providence, R. I., Box 453.

Junior and Juvenile Work — **Mary W. Jones**, Winthrop Centre, Me.

AUDITORS.

M. Augusta Battey, Providence, R. I.
Elizabeth W. Swan, 2 Derne St., Boston, Mass.

BOX COMMITTEE.

Chairman — **Mary B. Johnston**, 469 Cumberland St., Portland, Me.
Isabelle D. Chase, Cherry St., Lynn, Mass.
Olive H. Weeks, Friends' School, Providence, R. I.

The Yearly Meeting Committee on Finance presented their report, which is accepted. We unite in the suggestions contained in their report, in concurrence with our Men Friends.

The Committee on Returning Minutes proposed minutes for the ministers in attendance. We united with our Men Friends in approving their action, and the Clerk is directed to sign the various minutes on our behalf.

The Committee on Finance for 1895 presented a report, which is united with by this and the Men's Meeting.

The answers to the queries to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a minute of this Meeting, have been read.

The Nominating Committee presented the names of the following Friends, to constitute a committee on the disbursement of the income of the Mosher Fund, whose names will appear under "Standing Committee."

The Committee on Social Purity presented their annual report, which was acceptable to the Meeting. We hope their efforts to promote purity of heart and life will be abundantly blessed by Him who said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." The Meeting was united in committing the care of the work to the same committee, under the name of the Committee on Purity.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL PURITY.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends: —

"Give me, O Christ, thy love in all its power,
And let my thoughts be good and pure and true.
Give me Thy grace to do Thy will, not mine;
And when I falter, as I often do,
Be Thou my guide.

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom." Words spoken by Solomon long ago, and yet to-day they are as pregnant with truth as when first uttered. As we enter more largely into the work of Social Purity, and see the subtlety with which Satan is twining his iniquitous toils about our children, and blighting the lives of the young men and women of our land, poisoning the moral atmosphere about us, our hearts would fail us, and our hands fall down helpless, were it not for the sweet voice of Jesus calling, "I gave my life for thee. What hast thou done for me?" His precious promise, "My grace is sufficient for thee," helps, too, so blessedly in the work. So, with our eyes fixed on Jesus, we are sowing the seed, and we will work on, trying carefully, gently, and wisely to root out the noxious weeds where they exist, and to keep them out where they have not yet appeared, that the good seed may spring up and grow.

Reports have been received from the members of the Committee, which are full of interest. Three or four members have been prevented by much sickness in their families, or their own ill health, from doing as much as they wished, but their prayers have been constant and their interest in the work undiminished.

In Vassalboro' Quarter one Mothers' Meeting has been held; seventy-five copies of the State laws relating to the subject have been posted in post offices and other public places, and otherwise distributed; fifty-five pledge cards for small children used; two thousand one hundred and ninety-six pages of literature distributed, and steps taken to suppress the publication of vile advertisements in local papers. A good deal of personal work has also been done.

In Fairfield Quarter three Mothers' Meetings have been held; one thousand and twenty-five pages of literature distributed; literature sent to several sisters in different localities, and at least one stirring sermon preached, which was a revelation to many.

In Dover Quarterly Meeting the work has been mostly private conversation with mothers, and also young people, boys and girls, on this important subject. The prayer recorded in Joel 2: 17 seems specially applicable to us in these last days.

In Parsonsfield Quarter, also, the work has been mostly by way of private conversations. A small quantity of literature has been distributed, and faithfulness exercised in dropping the good seed.

In Sandwich Quarter several hundred pages of literature have been distributed, talks given in Mothers' Meetings, and much interest expressed. The literature has gone into many homes where it would meet the eyes of young people, and it is hoped the good seed will take deep root in their hearts.

In Smithfield Quarter talks have been given in the W. C. T. U., literature distributed, and private talks given.

Salem Quarter reports meetings held in Concord, Henniker, Manchester, and North Weare, N. H.; also in Peabody and Lynn, by Mary J. Weaver, of Batavia, N. Y., and a class of women interested and seed sown that must bring forth good fruitage. Members of our Committee keep some of our literature always with them, and often on the street, or in the cars or other public places, when what seems a good opening occurs, distribute it. A talk to mothers was given at Exeter, N. H., this spring in a County W. C. T. U. Convention, which was well received, and a similar talk was given later in one of the suburbs of the city of Manchester. Several Mothers' Meetings have been held in Manchester during the year.

Four books, "Traffic in Girls," "Traps for the Young," "Crowning Sin of the Age," and "Chastity," have been sent out during the past year to the members of our Committee, that we might realize the crying need there is for work in this direction. These books have been a startling revelation to us all, of the extent of the evil of impurity and the need that we be up and doing. Several other books have been purchased to be sent out to members of the Committee for careful reading, and we have issued another edition of two thousand copies of the leaflet on dancing. We believe much good has been done by the distribution of this literature, and have been very glad that the collection taken at our last Yearly Meeting has given us means to prosecute this work.

Besides the books already specified as in circulation among the members of the Committee, we have purchased for the same purpose "A Study of Child Nature," "A Song of Life," "Confidential Talks with Young Men," "Confidential Talks with Young Women," "Science of Motherhood," by Hannah Whithall Smith, and "White Slave Girls of Chicago." We recommend "Man, the Masterpiece," which treats of the needs of the whole man; a grandly helpful book, published by the Health Publishing Company of Battle Creek, Mich.

We have purchased for distribution at the Yearly Meeting, eight thousand two hundred and ninety pages of literature, besides which we have bought three thousand four hundred pages of our own publications.

ADELINE F. CHACE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SOCIAL PURITY.

RECEIPTS.

Received at Yearly Meeting, 1894	$26 00	
" from a member of Committee . . .	2 00	
		$28 00

EXPENDITURES.

Expended for books	$6 85	
Expenses of Mary J. Weaver	4 16	
Printing leaflets	6 00	
Postage and stationery	3 00	
Subscriptions to "Philanthropist"	4 00	
Leaflets, etc.	3 99	
		$28 00

MARY ALMY CHASE, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEE ON THE SUBJECT OF PURITY.

ORGANIZATION.

Chairman, ELIZABETH T. LARKIN.
Cor. Sec'y, ADELINE F. CHACE.
Rec. Sec'y, H. ELIZABETH JONES.
Treas., MARY ALMY CHASE.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Mary Almy Chase. Mary C. Baylies.
Salome C. Wheeler.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Mary A. Chase, Manchester, N. H., P. O. Box 124.
Elizabeth T. Larkin, Peabody, Mass., 72 Central St.
Mary C. Baylies, New Bedford, Mass., 74 Bedford St.
Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.
Abbie P. Jenkins, E. Vassalboro, Me.
Martha B. Osborne, Manchester, Me.
Melissa S. Dearborn, E. Parsonsfield, Me.
H. Elizabeth Jones, Amesbury, Mass.
Adeline F. Chace, Fall River, Mass., P. O. Box 355.
Angeline McPherson, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Adeline P. Briggs, Phenix, R. I., care Hoxie Bros.
Eliza B. Douglas, Lisbon Falls, Me.

The Meeting is united in proposing that the Yearly Meeting of 1896 be held in separate session on Fourth-day morning.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon.

RUTH S. MURRAY, *Clerk.*

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

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1. The Sixth Annual Business Meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was held Sixth Month 15th, 1895, at 2 P. M. at Portland, Me.

2. The Meeting was called to order by the President, followed by singing and a short period of devotion.

3. The Secretary not being able to be present at the opening, Jennie T. Bishop was called to the chair for the first fifteen minutes.

4. Minutes of the last Meeting were read and accepted.

5. The following persons were appointed as a Nominating Committee to bring forward names for officers the ensuing year, viz.: Charles Estes, Joseph H. Peele, L Frank Jones, Elisha T. Read, Albert Jones, Joseph E. Briggs, Melissa S. Dearborn, and Abbie Cornell.

6. Delegates from the local societies responded to their names as follows: —

Somerset. — Frank E. Jones, Charles Estes, Francis A. Estes.

Boston. — Abbie H. Kelley, Mary Gove, Ruth C. Wood.

Lynn. — Jennie T. Bishop, Eliza A. Jones, Cyrus Jones, Abbie M. C. Breed, Lucy T. Herbert.

Amesbury. — H. Elizabeth Jones, Alice W. Maxfield.

Salem. — Lindley H. Farr, George H. Jones.

Lawrence. — Abbie E. Goddard, Ruth Hainsworth, James A. Marshall, William Wood.

East Lynn. — Joseph H. Peele, Elmer E. Metzger, Charles W. Radford, Tillie M. Hayes, Harriet E. MacLean, Mary A. Crosman, George L. Crosman, Ernest R. Metzger.

Smith's Neck. — Abbie A. Cornell.

Portland. — L. Frank Jones, Lila Parker, Nellie Hussey, Lucy J. Goddard, William Watson, Nellie M. Hoyt.

South Durham. — Emma W. Simpson.

Woonsocket. — Arthur J. Phillips, Nellie Phillips, Elisha T. Read.

Bolton. — Alice M. Dow, Alfred Dow.

Worcester. — Ella L. Andrews.

Friends' School, Providence. — Augustine Jones, Charles C. Varney.

South China. — Mary Eliza Philbrook, J. Albert Jones.

Lake View. — Annie M. Ray.

West Gardiner. — Ida M. Knight. William J. Knight.

Oak Grove Seminary. — Henry H. Goddard, Florence M. Pierce, Mabel Page.

All other delegates appointed not present at roll call.

7. The following statistical report of the Recording Secretary for the year ending Fifth Month 5th, 1895, was read and accepted : —

STATISTICAL REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY FOR YEAR ENDING FIFTH MONTH 15TH, 1895.

QUARTERLY MEETING.	Rhode Island.	Salem.	Sandwich.
Number Local Societies in your Quarter	Three.	Eight.	Three.
Number organized during past year,	None.	One.	None.
Number discontinued since last report	None.	None.	One before last report.
Number Quarterly C. E. Conferences held	None.	One.	None.
At what places	....	Lynn.	....
General condition of work	Flourishing.	Work keeping steadily on with no great changes.	A benefit and blessing to the community.

LOCAL SOCIETIES.	Somerset.	Fall River.	Saylesville.	Boston.	Lynn.	Amesbury.	Lawrence.	So. Pittsfield.	Salem.	East Lynn.	No. Weare.	Westport.	Smith's Neck.	Allen's Neck.	New Bedford.
Number of Active Members	54	15	45	25	22	17	44	10	24	49	Union Society.	24	23	37	Discontinued.
Number of Associate Members	16	4	13	2	3	4	3	4	1	10		15	36	11	
How many Associate have become Active since 5-15, '94	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7		0	0	0	
Number who are Friends	36	11	23	22	16	21	40	6	6	22		13	10	21	
Number who have become Friends since 5-15, '94	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		0	0	6	
Have you a Junior Society	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.	
If so, of how many members	24	11	22	11	38	—	12	—	—	—		—	—	—	
Do you contribute for mission work among the Indians	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	Yes.		No.	Yes.	No.	
What other Missions, if any, receive aid from you	Blue Ridge Mission.	None.	Blue Ridge, N. J.	None.	None.	None.	Home.	No.	—	Home		None.	None.	Denominational work.	
How many members read the Golden Rule	10	All, occasionally.	0	17	11	12	Nearly all.	4	About half.	12		2	—	5	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY FOR YEAR ENDING FIFTH MONTH 15TH, 1895. — *Continued.*

QUARTERLY MEETING.	Falmouth.	Smithfield.	Vassalboro.
Number Local Societies in your Quarter	Three.	Three.	Six.
Number organized during past year,	None.	One.	None.
Number discontinued since last report	None.	None.	One.
Number Quarterly C. E. Conferences held	None.	None.	None.
At what places	....	....	....
General condition of work	Good healthy condition.	Not as lively as last year, but doing good work.	Prosperous condition.

LOCAL SOCIETIES.	Portland.	South Durham.	Lewiston.	Woonsocket.	Bolton.	Worcester.	South China.	West China.	Unity.	East Vassalboro.	Oak Grove.	Lake View.	Brooks
Number of Active Members	34	36	48	27	18	29	26	11	—	—	—	30	Union Society.
Number of Associate Members	6	6	—	35	1	0	0	10	—	—	—	5	
How many Associate have become Active since 5-15, '94	2	0	—	1	0	0	—	0	—	—	—	0	
Number who are Friends	28	24	37	17	16	23	21	3	—	—	—	20	
Number who have become Friends since 5-15, '94	None.	0	2	3	0	7	4	2	—	—	—	5	
Have you a Junior Society	Yes.	No.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	No.	Yes.	—	—	—	—	No.	
If so, of how many members	8	—	25	24	—	—	18	—	—	—	—	—	
Do you contribute for mission work among the Indians	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	—	—	—	—	No.	
What other Missions, if any, receive aid from you	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.	Welcome, Worcester.	Home.	—	—	—	—	Home.	
How many members read the Golden Rule	19	10	5	10	0	None.	5	—	—	—	—	5	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY FOR YEAR ENDING FIFTH MONTH 15TH, 1895. — *Concluded.*

QUARTERLY MEETING.	Dover.	Fairfield.	Parsonsfield.	Friends' School.	TOTALS. 5-15, '95.	TOTALS. 5-15, '94.	Increase.	Decrease.
Number Local Societies in your Quarter	No Societies Organized in this Quarter.	Five.	No Societies Organized in this Quarter.	....	31			
Number organized during past year,		None.		....	2			
Number discontinued since last report		None.		....	2			
Number Quarterly C. E. Conferences held		None.		....	1			
At what places		....		....				
General condition of work		Not as good as could be wished.		....				

LOCAL SOCIETIES.	Hallowell.	Sidney.	West Gardner.	Fairfield.	Manchester.	Friends' School.	5-15, '95.	5-15, '94.	Increase.	Decrease.
Number of Active Members	—	22	19	25	—	55	747	658	89	—
Number of Associate Members	—	9	11	4	—	19	219	132	87	—
How many Associate have become Active since 5-15, '94	—	0	1	—	—	2	17	—	—	—
Number who are Friends	—	10	12	10	—	37	493	493	—	—
Number who have become Friends since 5-15, '94	—	0	0	—	—	0	39	41	—	2
Have you a Junior Society	—	No.	No.	No.	—	No.	10	3	7	—
If so, of how many members	—	—	—	—	—	—	193	55	138	—
Do you contribute for mission work among the Indians	—	No.	Yes.	No.	—	No.	15	5	10	—
What other Missions, if any, receive aid from you	—	Ramallah, Good-Will Farm.	None.	—	—	Ramallah.	9	—	—	—
How many members read the Golden Rule	—	8	0	One copy is lent.	—	19	146	—	—	—

8. The following report of our Organizer was read and accepted: —

To the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the New England Yearly Meeting:

During the first half of the year we had no Organizer, Emily S. Weeks not being able to accept the position to which she was elected at the last Yearly Meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. During that time your present Organizer took the place, in a measure, by answering questions by letter and visiting a little personally. At last, by the united and persistent request of the Executive Committee, I accepted the position on condition that I give the work only what time I could well spare from my other work.

Although we have not visited as extensively as in some past years, nor organized as many societies, yet we have written a larger number of letters, we believe, than in any previous year, and thus kept in touch with the work.

For lack of means the evangelistic work has not been pressed as in the last two or three years, therefore the young have not been gathered in by which societies could be formed. Two societies have, however, been formed, one at East Lynn and one at Worcester, the latter the only one directly by your Organizer.

During the year we have addressed four public meetings in the interest of the Christian Endeavor work. The most interesting of these was at Smith's Neck, which was really a convention of the societies of that (Dartmouth) Monthly Meeting, they all being invited.

I hope and pray that the time will come when we can put an evangelist in the field and then follow up his or her work by organizing, until every one of our Meetings in New England has a live Society of Christian Endeavor. Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. JONES, *Organizer.*

9. The following report of the Superintendent of Junior Work was read and received: —

To the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of New England Yearly Meeting:

Early in the autumn, efforts were made to organize new Junior Societies. Feeling my own inefficiency for the work, in the face of the many discouragements, all has not been accomplished that was hoped for, yet God has wonderfully blessed the Junior work.

One new society has been organized in Boston with eleven members. The little folks have much interest, and nearly all take part in the meetings. Lynn has thirty-eight members. The girls are much interested in missions; most of them take some part in all meetings.

The society at Woonsocket was discontinued through the winter and has not yet been put in working order.

Several of the little ones in the Portland Society have made a public acknowledgment of their faith in Jesus the past year.

We hope that Junior Societies may be formed in all our Quarterly Meetings. It should be the strong point in Christian Endeavor Work to gather the children early to Christ, and encourage them to abide close to Him who gave Himself a ransom for all.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH M. FRYE,
Superintendent of Junior Work.

10. The following report of the Corresponding Secretary was read and accepted: —

TO FRIENDS' CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION:

Your Corresponding Secretary has written quite a number of letters to Quarterly Meeting Superintendents and individual societies, but has been wholly unable to do the work which might have been done and which has suggested itself to my mind.

JENNIE T. BISHOP,
Corresponding Secretary.

11. The following report of the Treasurer was read and accepted. Aside from this report it was found that about $150 had been raised by various societies, and appropriated without passing through the hands of the Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE NEW ENGLAND FRIENDS' Y. P. S. C. E. FOR THE YEAR ENDING SIXTH MONTH, 1895.

RECEPTS.

1894.			
6 Mo. 8.	Collection at Yearly Meeting, Newport	$28 70	
" 8.	Cash from Society, Sackville	1 00	
	" " " Vassalboro, Me	1 00	
" 10.	Received unexpended money from Organizer	10 00	
" 20.	Check from Society, Woonsocket, R. I.	5 00	
9 Mo. 23.	Received from Ex-Treasurer	25 43	
1895.			
5 Mo. 23.	Cash from Society, Portland, Me.	5 00	
			$76 13

EXPENDITURES.

6 Mo. 11.	Paid Wm. Shaw, Treas. United Society C. E. for current expenses while at Yearly Meeting, Newport	$10 00	
9 Mo. 12.	Paid bill of Committee to present the interests of the Indian to the Social Societies .	5 25	
12 Mo. 6.	Paid Organizer for current expenses . .	15 00	30 25
	Balance on hand		$45 88

ACCOUNT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR INDIAN MISSION WORK.

RECEIPTS.

9 Mo.	Received from Ex-Treasurer				$38 75
12 Mo.	"	of Society,	Allen's Neck, Mass. . . .		15 75
12 Mo.	"	"	"	Central Village, Mass. . . .	5 00
12 Mo.	"	"	"	Fall River, Mass.	7 00
1 Mo.	"	"	"	" " . . .	5 50
5 Mo.	"	"	"	" "	5 50
9 Mo.	"	"	"	Lawrence, Mass.	5 00
3 Mo.	"	"	"	Lynn and E. Lynn, Mass. . .	30 00
6 Mo.	"	"	"	" " " " " . .	30 00
6 Mo.	"	"	"	Lewiston, Me.	15 00
6 Mo.	"	"	"	Portland, Me.	30 00
9 Mo.	"	"	"	Salem, Mass.	2 00
10 Mo.	"	"	"	" "	2 00
2 Mo.	"	"	"	" "	8 00
5 Mo.	"	"	"	" "	6 00
12 Mo.	"	"	"	So. Durham, Me.	8 11
6 Mo.	"	"	"	" " "	1 05
5 Mo.	"	"	"	Somerset and Fall River, Mass. .	12 50
11 Mo.	"	"	"	W. Gardiner, Me.	2 00
5 Mo.	"	"	"	Worcester, Mass.	4 00
6 Mo.	"	"	"	Woonsocket, R. I.	2 00
2 Mo.	"	"	"	" "	14 00
6 Mo.	"	"	"	" "	14 00
	Total				$263 16

FRED C. DEARBORN, *Treasurer.*

12. The committee appointed last year to recommend the interests of the Mexican Kickapoo Indians to our local societies presented the following report, which was accepted.

To the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England:

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to present to the subordinate societies the needs of the mission work among the Mexican Kickapoo Indians would report that as soon as practicable after our appointment a circular letter was sent to each society in the Yearly Meeting briefly stating the needs of this mission, and requesting financial aid in carrying on the work.

One thousand copies of the report of the Committee on Western Indians, together with a part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society's report, was also printed as a leaflet and sent out with the letter referred to, with the request that they be circulated at the next meeting of the society receiving them. (Copies of the letter and circular are submitted herewith.)

As a result of this work, pledges were received from eight societies, as follows: —

Portland	$30 00
Lynn	30 00
East Lynn	30 00
Lewiston	30 00
Salem	24 00
Woonsocket	10 00
Lawrence	5 00
Central Village	5 00
Total	$164 00

The societies at Fall River and South Durham reported that collections would be taken up at stated intervals for this work during the year.

The expense of the Committee for printing was $5.25, for which amount we have drawn on the Treasurer.

We trust that as a result of our efforts the Treasurer will be able to report a large increase in contributions the past year, and that as the members learn more of the grand work being done by our missionaries among the Red men, they will take a deeper interest in this field of labor and accord to it a still more liberal support in the future.

MARTHA HOAG,
ELISHA T. READ,
MYRA E. FRYE,
Committee.

13. Interesting letters concerning work done were read from Boston, Worcester, and East Lynn societies.

14. Upon the written suggestion of Micajah M. Binford, President of Friends' International Young People's Society of

Christian Endeavor, it was voted to appropriate toward the support of a Christian Endeavor department in the "American Friend."

15. The proposition from William M. Bell, chairman of the Friends Rally at Boston, '95, Convention, concerning badges and refreshments, was laid on the table.

16. Upon motion, it was recommended that one month previous to our Annual Meeting the Recording Secretary send out blanks and procure from each Quarterly Meeting Superintendent the names of the person in his Quarter best suited for the following officers: President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Organizer, Superintendent Junior Work, Treasurer, and Superintendent of his own Quarterly Meeting; this list to be handed to the Committee on Nominations at the time of their appointment.

17. In view of the fact that the harvest is great and the laborers are few, it was recommended that a committee of three be appointed to be known as the Evangelistic Committee, who shall co-operate with the Organizer and President in opening up new fields of labor and encouraging societies already formed.

The following Friends were accordingly appointed, who shall report at next Meeting: Frank E. Jones, Elmer E. Metzger, Jennie W. Crosman.

18. The Nominating Committee not being ready to report, the Meeting adjourned to 7.15 P. M.

SIXTH MONTH, 15TH, 7.15 P. M.

1. Meeting called to order by the President, and the following report of the Nominating Committee was read, and the officers therein named elected for the coming year, viz: —

President, HARRIET E. MACLEAN, 10 Marianna Street, Lynn, Mass.
Recording Secretary, MARY A. CROSMAN, 24 Beach Avenue, Lynn, Mass.
Corresponding Secretary, LUCY J. GODDARD, Deering, Me.
Treasurer, FRED C. DEARBORN, 44 Winter Street, Portland, Me.
Organizer, RALPH EARLE, Dighton, Mass.
Superintendent Junior Work, IDA C. JONES, South China, Me.

QUARTERLY MEETING SUPERINTENDENTS.

Rhode Island — Mary L. Chace, Fall River, Mass.
Salem — Alice M. Jones, Amesbury, Mass.
Sandwich — Anna M. Gifford, Westport, Mass.
Falmouth — Arthur W. Hawkes, 69 Union Street, Portland, Me.
Smithfield — Leander Fisher, Woonsocket, R. I.
Vassalboro — Eva C. Goddard, East Vassalboro, Me.
Dover — Clarence I. Pinkham, Dover, N. H.
Fairfield — George F. Morse, Hallowell, Me.
Parsonsfield — Melissa S. Dearborn, Parsonsfield, Me.

2. The Meeting was then merged into the following miscellaneous program. After an opening service of song the congregation stood and repeated the Lord's Prayer. This was followed by a period of devotion in which we were led in prayer by Benjamin F. Trueblood.

After a brief statistical summary we listened to a very interesting paper by Jennie T. Bishop on the value of Junior work, in which she pictured to our minds very forcibly the responsibilities resting upon us in proper training of the young.

Following this, Phebe S. Aydelott showed us in a brief address the importance of proportionate and systematic giving, urging upon us the necessity of combining the two that the work of the Lord might prosper.

We were then very interestingly addressed by Joseph B. Peele on the subject "Good Citizenship," and were made in a measure to realize its great importance. Two local presidents of Portland then spoke a few minutes, telling us briefly of their great interest in Christian Endeavor work and bidding us Godspeed.

Abbie H. Kelley, of Boston, then interested us for a short while on the coming Convention, or "Boston, '95."

George L. Crosman made a few impromptu remarks, after which a collection was taken amounting to $34.10. Singing was interspersed through the evening, which was greatly added to by the enthusiastic singing of the Convention rally song.

The Meeting was closed by the singing of "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and a closing prayer by Lindley Wells, of Kansas.

LINDLEY M. BINFORD, *President.*
HARRIET E. MacLEAN, *Secretary.*

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MINUTES OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in joint session, at Newport, R. I., commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 12th, 1896. The Clerk of the Women's Meeting being absent, Deborah P. Atherton is appointed to fill the vacancy for the present sitting.

2. By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.: —

FROM RHODE ISLAND — Charles W. Earle, Charles A. Chace, Augustine Jones, Ellen K. Buffum, Charles Estes, M. Augusta Battey, Anna L. Manchester, Obadiah Chace, Louisa N. Meader, Walter F. Chace, Catherine Green, Robert P. Gifford, Benjamin Green, Joseph S. Anthony, Robert B. Hanson, Phebe R. Gifford, Esther Chace, Electa Jane Collins, Frank E. Jones, Samuel R. Buffinton, Mary C. Arnold, Edwin J. Lord and Joseph H. Atwater.

FROM SALEM — William O. Newhall, Owen Dame, Deborah W. Crosman, Alice W. Maxfield, Anna M. Gove, John Ellwood Paige, John Willis Fowler, Jennie W. Crosman, Daniel C. Maxfield, Joshua Buxton, Zillah Binns, Olney T. Meader, Mary J. Buxton, Charles H. Thorndike, Jennie T. Bishop, John F. Chase, Eliza C. Gardner, Huldah G. Buxton and George A. Crosman.

FROM SANDWICH — Arnold G. Tripp, John B. Baylies, Joshua L. Macomber, John A. Macomber, William P. Macomber, Stephen R. Wing, N. Hervey Wilbur, William Thompson, Thomas F. Haffard, John C. Taylor, Philip A. Cornell, Anna G. Wood, Rachel G. Howland, Mary Haffard, Alice R. Howland, Susan S. Tripp, Susan T. Thompson, Eloise A. Haffard, Susan F. Hoxie, Adelaide V. Wilbur, Sarah F. Potter, Lydia Gifford, Susan B. Kirby, Mary C. Baylies, Cynthia A. Kirby and Elizabeth C. Wing.

FROM FALMOUTH — John H. Hall, John J. Frye, Nathan Douglas, William H. Douglas, Ezra Hawkes, Henry F. Newell, Ellison R. Purdy, Alice W. Hawkes, Sarah W. Newlin, Lewis M. Douglas, Melvin M. Bailey, Mary A. Maxfield, Lettie M. Bailey, Elizabeth M. Frye, George H. Farr, Lucy J. Lunt, Hannah M. Goddard, William E. Watson, Eliza B. Douglas and Anna F. Hall.

FROM SMITHFIELD — Henry D. Swift, Isaac Steere, William P. Pinkham, Mary A. Battey, Alice M. Dow, Abigail Wheeler, Salome C. Wheeler, A. Eben Phelps, Sarah J. Wheeler, Susan E. Wheeler, Susie M. Wheeler, John Metcalfe and William Aldrich.

FROM VASSALBORO — William H. Cates, Zaccheus Goddard, Henry H. Goddard, Etta S. Cates, James S. Estes, William A. Jones, Anna M. Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, Emma F. R. Goddard and Elizabeth K. Jones.

FROM DOVER — William P. Tuttle, Almira B. Buffum, Samuel Buffum, Ellen Bangs, George Estes, Anna M. Hussey, William V. Ware, Sarah V. Meader and Emeline H. Tuttle.

FROM FAIRFIELD — Joseph E. Briggs, C. Irving Bailey, Paul Wing, Martha B. Osborne, Olive M. Tuttle, Mary C. Hawkes, Elizabeth M. Hawkes, Augustus F. Morse and Jesse McPherson.

FROM PARSONSFIELD — John B. Cartland, Silas H. Cartland, Ira Tilton, Melissa S. Dearborn, Elizabeth S. Hoag, Emily M. Jones and Alice M. Tilton.

Whose names being called, one hundred and fourteen were present, and twenty-two absent, for the absence of eight of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends in the ministry, Mary Jane Weaver, from New York Yearly Meeting; William L. Wilson and George Wood, from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Susie Norris Fitkin and J. Walter Malone, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Robert W. Douglas, from Indiana Yearly Meeting; David Tatum, from Western Yearly Meeting; Matilda W. Atkinson, from Iowa Yearly Meeting; and Richard Haworth, from Kansas Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory

testimonials from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements. We have also the acceptable company of our friend Abram T. Fitkin, companion to his wife, Susie Norris Fitkin.

4. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings, with returning minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following committee, viz.: William P. Pinkham, Charles H. Jones, William O. Newhall, Susan T. Thompson, Henry C. Aydelott, Charles H. Thorndike, Phebe S. Aydelott and Ellen K. Buffum.

5. We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Owen Dame, John A. Macomber, Lewis M. Douglas, D. Wheeler Swift, Eliza P. Pierce, William V. Ware, Augustus F. Morse and John B. Cartland, a committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present time, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also to propose a Friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds at Providence, and another for Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary at Vassalboro.

6. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz.:—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Adeline F. Chace, Benjamin A. and Rachel P. Chace to the station of Elder, and the same Meeting furnishes the following information, viz.: — That the Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of that Meeting has been changed from Fourth-day afternoon to Fifth-day afternoon before the Monthly Meeting preceding each Quarterly Meeting, at 2 o'clock, and held continuously at Fall River. The time of holding Swansea Preparative Meeting has been changed from Fifth-day afternoon to Third-day evening, from Fourth Month first to Tenth Month first, at 7 o'clock, and from Tenth Month first to Fourth Month first, at 7.30 o'clock. The time for holding the mid-week Meeting for worship at Fall River has been changed from Fourth-day afternoon, at 3 o'clock, to Fifth-day evening, at 7.30 o'clock. It has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in their proposed change in the time of holding their Monthly Meeting from 11 o'clock A. M. on the Fourth-day preceding the last Fifth-day in each Month, at Providence, to 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon on the last Seventh-day of each month, at the same place, the Preparative Meeting to occur in the week preceding the Monthly Meeting, said change to be for one year, beginning with Fifth Month, 1896.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of nine, and with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of five associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; with Weare Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Charles H. Thorndike, and with the same Meeting in the appointment of Hannah E. Chase and Abigail H. Osborne to the station of Elder, and with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William Wood to the same station. Joseph H. Peele, a minister, has been received by certificate to Salem Monthly Meeting from Ohio Yearly Meeting. The hour for holding Salem Monthly Meeting in the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Months of the present year has been changed to 7.30 P. M.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that Dartmouth Monthly Meeting has appointed David H. Potter, correspondent, in place of Ephraim Gifford, deceased, P. O. address, Dartmouth, Mass. And New Bedford Monthly Meeting has appointed John B. Baylies, correspondent, in place of Gideon Wood, who has been released from service on account of illness, P. O. address, New Bedford, Mass. Hannah C. Wing, a Minister, has removed from New York Monthly Meeting, to reside within the limits of Sandwich Monthly Meeting. It has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lucinda M. Wood to the station of Elder.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Edwin C. Jones and Augustus C. Jones to the station of Elder. Ellison R. Purdy, a Minister, and his wife, Amelia F. Purdy, an Elder, have been received members of Falmouth Monthly Meeting by certificate from West Branch Monthly Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting. Melissa C. Crosman, a member and Elder of Durham Monthly Meeting, has been released from membership at her own request. It has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in withdrawing its recognition of Cyrus Cartland as a Minister and exponent of Friend's faith. William P. Davis and Ella L. Bailey, Elders and members of the same Meeting, have been released from membership.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of six Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, also in changing the hour of holding the same Monthly Meeting from 10.30 A. M. to 11 o'clock A. M.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in holding said Meeting alternately at Vassalboro and East Vassalboro, commencing at Vassalboro in the First Month. Elijah Cook, a Minister and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, has removed within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Horace M. Hall and Martha B. Osborne. Alpheus Trueblood, a Minister, has been received by certificate to Winthrop Monthly Meeting from Wilmington Yearly Meeting. Lizzie A. Church, a Minister and member of Winthrop Monthly Meeting, has been released from membership at her own request. It has united with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Augustus F. Morse and Sarah E. Morse to the station of Elder, and with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of six Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. A Mid-week and preparative Meeting has been established at Augusta, to be held on Fourth day evening at 7.30 o'clock, also a meeting for worship and preparative meeting has been established at Hallowell, to be held on First day at 2.30 P. M., and on Sixth day at 7.30 P. M.

Requests from the Quarterly Meetings:

7. *Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting* is united in asking the Yearly Meeting that hereafter the Treasurer of the meeting be constituted a member *ex-officio* of the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting, which proposition, being considered is approved, and our Treasurer will hereafter be a member *ex-officio* of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance.

Dover Quarterly Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting to grant the holding of future Quarterly Meetings in the First Month at Gonic, N. H., instead of North Berwick, Me., and in changing the hour of holding the same from half-past ten to eleven o'clock, which request is granted and the change is made.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting requests the Yearly Meeting to consider the subject of modifying the privileges of birthright membership. The matter is referred to the Representatives to this Meeting.

8. We are informed that all the Quarterly Meetings have paid or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting their respective quotas of Yearly Meeting Stock.

9. The Representatives are requested to nominate two Friends from each of the Quarterly Meetings to constitute a Standing Committee on Nominations to whom appointments shall be referred, care being taken not to choose those who served on the Nominating Committee last year.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

From Third Month 1st, 1895, to Third Month 1st, 1896.

	Statistics of Ministers, Elders and Associates.			Statistics of Membership.												Statistics of Children.						
	No. of Ministers.	No. of Elders.	No. of Associate Members.	No. of Members reported last year.	Error in last year's Report. — Gain.	Error in last year's Report. — Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number of Members.	No. of Children between 4 and 12.	No. of Children between 12 and 21.	No. Attending School.	No. attending School taught or controlled by Friends.	No. between 12 and 21 attending School taught or controlled by Friends.	No. attend'g College.	No. attend'g Colleges controlled by Friends.
Rhode Island .	19	27	13	882	2	0	8	23	2	2	41	10	25	7	900	115	93	117	10	10	7	3
Salem	16	29	35	702	1	0	6	12	18	9	19	3	20	0	722	48	73	81	8	4	3	1
Sandwich . .	15	19	62	544	0	0	3	13	1	3	12	8	0	8	536	90	45	46	19	14	0	0
Falmouth . .	24	39	2	608	0	0	8	14	6	9	33	28	1	0	609	108	60	82	9	7	1	1
Smithfield . .	10	22	11	303	0	4	3	10	1	5	15	9	2	12	293	18	17	27	2	2	4	0
Vassalboro . .	16	48	20	465	0	0	8	4	3	2	2	3	13	9	469	45	38	47	18	12	1	0
Dover	6	17	13	189	0	0	2	4	0	0	1	7	0	8	181	11	14	23	7	7	0	0
Fairfield . . .	12	37	19	546	1	0	9	5	13	4	110	22	102	0	648	38	60	69	7	7	0	0
Parsonsfield .	6	6	7	149	0	0	1	4	0	2	4	4	0	5	144	27	16	25	6	2	0	0
	124	244	182	4388	4	4	48	89	44	36	237	94	163	49	4502	500	416	517	86	65	16	5

Names of Ministers (Deceased).	Date of Death.	Age in Years, or in what Year of his Age.	Monthly Meetings to which they belonged.
Thomas B. Buffum	Fifth Month 7th, 1895	82nd year	Rhode Island
Lydia A. Macomber	Third Month 1st, 1895	92nd "	Greenwich
Cynthia J. Earle	Eighth Month 3rd, 1895	65th "	Greenwich
Elizabeth Dillingham	Twelfth Month 31st, 1895	89th "	Sandwich
Charles M. Jones	Second Month 14th, 1896	52nd "	Falmouth
Names of Elders (Deceased).			
Mary E. Kenyon	Third Month 5th, 1895	57th year	Providence
Charles D. Kenyon	Fourth Month 8th, 1895	71st "	Providence
Anna T. Dennis	Tenth Month 10th, 1895	83rd "	Providence
Gideon Gifford	First Month 22nd, 1896	83rd "	Westport
S. Jane Cox	Seventh Month 17th, 1895	60th "	Falmouth
Maria B. Jones	Sixth Month 21st, 1895	87th "	Durham
Elizabeth H. Cook	Fourth Month 16th, 1896	62nd "	Windham
Maria Aldrich	Fourth Month 10th, 1895	75th "	Smithfield
Richard Battey	Sixth Month 23rd, 1895	86th "	Smithfield
John Barnes	Ninth Month 27th, 1895	78th "	Smithfield
Benjamin Fry	Ninth Month 25th, 1895	83rd "	China
Lydia E. Sawyer	Third Month 10th, 1896	60th "	Dover

SIXTH-DAY AFTERNOON, SIXTH MONTH 12TH.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

10. Owen Dame, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing John Ellwood Paige for Clerk and Daniel C. Maxfield for Assistant Clerk of the Men's Meeting. Also, that they were united in proposing Alice W. Maxfield for Clerk, and Deborah P. Atherton for Assistant Clerk, of the Women's Meeting, which propositions, being duly considered, were fully united with, and the Friends named are appointed to the respective services for the ensuing year.

11. The following minute prepared by the Representatives has been fully approved, and the Clerk is directed to forward to Ruth S. Murray the portion of the same which relates to her, viz.:

"We recognize, with grateful appreciation, the faithful services and arduous labors of our Clerk, Timothy B. Hussey, for the past four years, now released at his own request. We also extend the loving sympathy of this Meeting to our dear sister Ruth S. Murray, Clerk of the Women's Meeting last year, now confined at home by illness. May the love of our Heavenly Father, whom she has faithfully served, comfort, uphold and sustain her."

12. The Representatives presented the names of the following Friends to constitute a Standing Committee on Nominations, viz.: Benjamin Green, Adeline F. Chace, Anna M. Gove, Olney T. Meader, William Thompson, Susan F. Hoxie, John J. Frye, Eliza B. Douglas, Henry D. Swift, Salome C. Wheeler, James M. Estes, Elizabeth K. Jones, Anna M. Hussey, William V. Ware, Jesse McPherson, Mary C. Hawkes, Silas H. Cartland, Emily K. Jones.

The nominations are approved and the appointments accordingly made.

13. The report of the Providence Boarding School Committee has been read. To this Meeting, made up largely of the Alumni of this institution, the yearly report of its work is always highly interesting. We are gratified with the increased appliances and accommodations.

We endorse every effort put forth to keep the school in pace with an ever developing and progressing system of education, which shall be in harmony with the godly purpose in which its corner-stone was laid.

REPORT OF THE PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee in charge of the Providence School present the Seventy-seventh Annual Report with the grateful acknowledgement that, as in the past, so in the present, the gracious care of our Heavenly Father has been abundantly manifest, so that we can report that the religious and educational progress and advancement of the school has continued, as in former years, to our great satisfaction. The religious meetings of the students have been constantly attended and participated in by the officers and the family in great unity of purpose, and with unusual success. The morning meetings on First and Fourth days have been constant seasons of blessing to the family.

There has been a large expenditure of money this year upon the heating, lighting and ventilation of the buildings, which has been desired for many years. The advantages of this improvement cannot be over-estimated. In the first place, one single fire in a remote power house takes the place of more than twenty fires in the buildings, each of which was liable to be the means of setting on fire the whole establishment. Second: The buildings have never heretofore been properly heated, and we have lost many children on that account, who would have come to us and were particularly desirable. Third: The electric light is the best for purposes of study when it is perfectly steady, as it is at the school. It relieves the premises also from another danger, by fire, in the disuse of friction matches all over the buildings. Fourth: Both gas and oil lamps vitiate the air, which is avoided by this improvement, Thus does this manner of lighting greatly aid the ventilation of the rooms throughout the house. But, by the addition of forced-air ventilation we have reached very nearly idea perfection in this matter, so far as known to the present generation. We are informed that at Friends' School the first room was lighted by illuminating gas in the City of Providence, and also that it was the first school to use the electric light, though our machinery was at first imperfect.

The general health of the school has been most excellent, with the exception of a few cases of measles, which were soon removed and the spread of the disease prevented.

The financial depression in the country is deeply felt at the school. The competition which exists in New England, between the public and private schools, is most intense, when money is not easily obtained and business is dull. It is a time when Friends, as far as possible, ought to be encouraged to support their denominational schools. They are noble endowments, which cannot live without patronage. If Friends know of parents who are in search of a school, they can render a great service by calling the attention of such parents to the schools of the Society, or the attention of the principals of the schools to such persons or parents.

The number of scholars for the year has been:

Boarders	135
Day Students	10
Day Art Students	21
Total	166

OFFICERS OF GOVERNMENT AND INSTRUCTION.

AUGUSTINE JONES, A. M., LL. B., Principal and Political Science.
GUY G. FURNELL, A. M., Governor, and English Studies, and Calisthenics for Boys.
EVELYN BARROWS, B. S., Preceptress and English Studies.
THOMAS J. BATTEY, A. M., Natural Science.
MARY E. RAWSON, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
SOPHIA L. PITMAN, Drawing and Painting.
WALTER S. MEADER, A. M., Higher Mathematics.
HORATIO B. KNOX, A. M., Greek and Latin.
CHARLES R. JACOB, A. B., Modern Languages.
HELEN L. THOMAS, A. B., History and Literature.
CHARLOTTE A. SLOCUM, English Studies.
LIZZIE M. PALMER, Primary Department.
ELIZA D. GARDINER, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
ALLEN W. WEEKS, Mechanic Arts.
JOSEPH M. NORTON, English Studies.
ROBERT BONNER, Instrumental Music.
EDITH L. HILL, Calisthenics for Girls.
SIDNEY R. BURLEIGH, Special in Water Colors.
FRANK M. REED, Special in Mechanical Drawing.
JULES RUERAT, L. P., Conversation in French.
HANNAH G. RYDER, Secretary and Bookkeeper.
LAURA BUFFUM, Librarian.

LECTURER.

THOMAS J. BATTEY, A. M., Natural Science.

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the school, per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund, $75. Credit to a member of another Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same fund, of $25. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $75. The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, or German, of $10; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one-half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

PROVIDENCE, Fifth Month 26th, 1896.

NOTE.—The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 9th, 1896, and the Spring Term begins Second Month 3rd, 1897.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, Eighth Month 4th, 1896.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Eighth Month 4th, 1896.

Applications should be sent to the Principal, Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I

STATEMENT OF SETTLEMENT OF FRIENDS' SCHOOL ACCOUNTS, YEAR ENDING SEVENTH MONTH 1ST, 1895.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND:

RESOURCES.

Balance reported last year		$4,497 18
Board and Tuition		41,877 78
Charitable Fund Scholarships	$2,100 00	
Elizabeth Fry Fund “	1,500 00	
S. T. Olney “ “	1,912 50	
E. Cattell “ “	150 00	
P. J. Tripp “ “	75 00	
General “ “	5,145 00	
Students' Accounts	30,995 28	
Day School Tuition		583 93
Auxiliary Studies		2,991 37
Balance		2,642 67
		$52,592 93

EXPENDITURES.

North Building Improvement	$5,021 51	
Farm Building and Improvements	2,009 18	
Salary Account	17,026 50	
Wages	10,852 33	
Provisions	9,028 24	
Repairs and Renewals	3,607 34	
Fuel	1,459 65	
Light	788 82	
Water	438 59	
Advertising	843 90	
Library	297 33	
Papers and Periodicals	91 13	
Incidentals	250 03	
Debts considered bad	878 38	
		$52,592 93

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, } *For the Auditors.*
CHARLES SISSON,

REPORT OF THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

During the past year we have sold one lot of land, containing 7,150 square feet, which brought the net sum of $2,686.50. This amount was paid to the Treasurer of the Providence Friends' School Funds.

By direction of the Committee,

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Clerk.*

14. The Committee having charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute have presented their report.

We are gratified with the progress which has been made and wish to record our grateful appreciation of two generous contributions which have been made to increase its efficiency. The Clerks are directed to communicate to the donors our gratitude and thanks.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee entrusted with the care of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute have attended to that service, and thankfully report that through the blessing of Heaven upon their efforts, a very successful school year has been realized, and that the prospects of this Institution for usefulness in the future were never brighter than at present. The health of the school has been excellent, no sickness having occurred to interfere with the regular course of study. With an efficient corps of teachers, the several departments have been satisfactorily conducted, and the examinations furnished evidence of careful training and commendable progress. The moral and religious interest of the pupils have been prayerfully guarded and promoted; and, while less activity has been manifest than in some previous years, a healthy growth and development along spiritual lines have been apparent in the lives of many of the pupils, and nearly all of them have entered upon the Christian pathway.

We were especially interested in the graduating class of ten Christians. Several of the essays gave evidence of deep religious thought. While Oak Grove has, in common with similar institutions throughout our country, felt the business depression which prevails, and while the report of our treasurer is less satisfactory than in some previous years, it has been a year of great progress and development in increasing the value of the school property and the capacity of the school for usefulness, through the generosity of a few of its friends, whom the Lord has blessed with wealth and given them hearts to use a portion of it for the good of others.

An addition to the north wing of the school building, making it correspond in size and general appearance with the south wing, has been made. The extension is 18 x 40 feet, and the entire wing has been elevated one story. This addition has furnished fourteen dormitories, two class-rooms, two bath-rooms, a boys' sitting room and a basement for storage. At a meeting of the Committee, held Eighth Month 22d, the following minute was placed upon our records:

"A unanimous and hearty vote of thanks was extended to our President, C. M. Bailey, for his generous gift to the school of a fine new addition to the north wing, which has cost about $5,000.00. When we consider the enhanced beauty and value of our school building, the large increase of accommodations, and the many ways in which the capacity of the school for usefulness has been increased, a vote of thanks but feebly expresses our appreciation of this princely gift."

It has been proved that the water supply was entirely inadequate to the needs of the school, and during the drought of last Autumn, steps were taken to remedy the defect. From the bottom of the old well, thirty-five feet in depth, an artesian well was bored, 204 feet, at an expense of $828.33. An iron tank, with a capacity of about 6000 gallons, was placed in the building, and it is believed that no further inconvenience will be realized from lack of water.

Twelve acres of land on the east line of the school property has been purchased at a cost of $125.00, $75.00 of which was raised by subscription.

A few rods from the school there stood, one year ago, an ancient Friends' Meeting House, in which was formerly held one of the largest meetings of Friends in New England. An eminent minister, once standing in its gallery, spoke of it as "the great emporium of Quakerism in the East!" The Meeting declined and the house was closed, except for occasional services. The house and grounds have been deeded to the trustees of the school property, and the ancient edifice has been transformed into an elegant modern chapel, at a cost of between six and seven thousand dollars. The work has been done under the direction and at the expense of our dear friend, Sophia D. Bailey, of Winthrop Centre. We trust that this beautiful structure, in connection with the school, may become a centre of religious influence in this part of the country, and that thus the purpose and prayer of the generous donor may be fully answered.

We are informed that in the will of our dear friend, S. Jane Cox, deceased, is a bequest to the school of $3,000.00; said money to remain in the hands of the executor, Henry Cox, for three years, and pay annual interest to the general expenses of the school, then to be paid to the trustees and added to the Sybil Jones' fund.

Two valuable members of our committee have been removed by death during the past year. Under date of Eighth Month 22d, appears the following minute upon our records: "At a roll-call this morning we were sadly reminded that since our last meeting one of our members has been called to the higher service beyond. Our dear sister, S. Jane Cox, whose loss we mourn, has been among the most useful members of this committee, manifesting in many ways her deep interest in Oak Grove School, and by the beauty of her Christian life she has won the esteem and love of her associates. We shall miss her presence and counsel, but are comforted by the thought that in the 'sweet by-and-by' we shall meet our sister again."

At a meeting of the committee, held Fifth Month 27th, it was directed that the following minute be recorded: "We miss from our circle one who has taken an active part in the work of this committee, and who for several years served acceptably as its secretary. The form of Charles M. Jones now rests in the vineyard of the Friends' Mission at Ramallah, but he will long be remembered by those who enjoyed his friendship and were associated with him in Christian work."

In conclusion we commend the school, with its important interests, to the care of the Yearly Meeting.

Arrangements for the coming year as to officers of government and instruction are not yet perfected.

Communications may be addressed to Principal, Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, Vassalboro, Maine.

For the Committee,

CHARLES M. BAILEY, *President.*
I. WARREN HAWKES, *Secretary.*

MANCHESTER, MAINE, Sixth Month 9th, 1896.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

RECEIPTS.

By Balance from last year	$1,577 80	
Cash from Board and Tuition	6,397 60	
Interest on Endowment Fund	642 39	
Cash from Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer	50 00	
Cash from State Treasurer	800 00	
Cash from Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer	500 00	
Cash from Endowment Fund	1,000 00	
Rebate on Insurance	15 00	
Note due Endowment Fund	1,000 00	
Balance due from Herbert H. Goddard	299 36	
		$12,282 15

EXPENDITURES.

To Salary Account	$2,665 65	
Wages	846 29	
Repairs and Renewals	1,576 17	
Provisions	1,966 78	
Scholarship	471 00	
Taxes and Foreclosures	647 64	
Lights	95 15	
Fuel	789 69	
Mortgage	1,000 00	
Incidentals	240 83	
Premium on Insurance Policy	182 50	
Bills Payable	281 95	
		$10,763 65
Balance on hand		$1,518 50

JOSEPH E. BRIGGS, *Treasurer.*

15. The report of the Committee on Education has been read. The increased interest manifested from year to year in this highly important subject is an augury for good. The report is satisfactory to the Meeting. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends: — Your Committee on Education has during the past year endeavored to fulfill the purpose of its appointment. In addition to the public meeting in Portland in Sixth Month last, four educational conferences have been held during the year; one at Lynn, Mass., and one at Durham, Maine, both in the Eighth Month; one at North Sandwich, N. H., in the Eleventh Month, and one at the boarding school at Providence in the Second Month. At these conferences ten addresses were made by members of the committee and others, and more than five hundred people were given food for thought on this important subject. Members of the committee have also done considerable private work in encouraging young Friends to attend our boarding schools, rather than to be content to waste their time in schools where the advantages are in every way less excellent.

It has come to the knowledge of your committee, that there is in one of our Monthly Meetings a fund left for the support of a Monthly Meeting School. Such a school has, by changed conditions, been rendered unnecessary, and has not for many years been held. It is not unlikely that similar conditions exist elsewhere. In such instances care is necessary lest the funds set apart for education be diverted to other and less important purposes. In the judgment of the committee, Monthly Meetings should in such cases be encouraged to obtain permission from the courts to apply the funds to the payment of the expenses of deserving students at one of our boarding schools.

It is cause for regret that out of nine hundred persons under 21 years of age, our Yearly Meeting has but sixteen members who are attending college, and but five attending colleges controlled by Friends. It is to be earnestly hoped that our members will become not only more desirous to give their children a good training in secondary schools, but that a more general appreciation of the higher education may be awakened among us. Your committee is increasingly impressed with the importance of education to the successful advancement by the church of the cause of Christ. Nothing can of course be accomplished without the Divine impetus from above, but just as the waters of a stream may be deflected by an impassible barrier and made to flow in an opposite direction, so our inspiration flows in channels hewn out by our education, and usually in the direction in which that education has moved. The devout Romanist becomes a priest and administers sacraments, the enthusiastic Salvationist a shouting captain who marches to martial music, while the conscientious Friend, in obedience to the same impetus from on high, becomes a simple minister, who discards both the sacraments and the drum.

Never in all the history of the world were well-trained souls, sensitive to the touch of the Holy Spirit, more useful in spreading Christianity than now. Mysteries which have been veiled to humanity in all previous years are now being made known, and it is imperative that the power contained in a knowledge of these things should be utilized for Christ. If this is to be done, the Christian intellect must be alert and active. Ignorance produces sluggishness. The deposits of centuries of inherited prejudices make in the minds of the ignorant, crystalized strata through which the Spirit of God can, indeed, break, but through which He seldom does, and then only with unusual expenditure of power. Education tends to break up these deposits and to make the mind quick to perceive the truth, sensitive to its power, and better able to interpret in fruitful character and helpful deed the quickening impulse from God.

There is a necessity that efforts be made in some of our remote Meetings to impress on the minds of Friends these important facts, and to encourage all our members to make more efforts for the adequate education of their children, and we recommend that an appropriation of $200 be made for the cause of education during the coming year, that under the direction of the committee every Meeting may be visited and Friends encouraged in this important matter.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE A. BARTON, *Chairman.*
ANNA F. HALL, *Secretary.*

Sixth Month 12th, 1896.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance from former account	$27 05
Contributions from eleven Monthly Meetings	32 84
	$59 89
Paid expenses of conferences	24 00
Amount on hand	$35 89

J. E. PAIGE, *Treasurer.*

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SEVENTH-DAY MORNING THE 13TH.

The meeting again convened.

16. It is directed that 2600 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting, including time and place of holding all our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, together with names of Correspondents, be printed and sent down to our subordinate Meetings. The Clerks are

authorized to attend to the same and Owen Dame and Daniel C. Maxfield are appointed to advise and assist them.

17. The epistle from London Yearly Meeting for 1895, also one issued by the same Meeting the present year, have been read, also the London General Epistle for 1896, all of which have been listened to with interest and profit. The Clerks are directed to issue a reprint of 1500 copies of the London General Epistle for distribution.

18. The Committee on Gospel Work have presented their report, showing much effective work accomplished; and we trust beyond what may be incorporated into any report there may be results and influences known only to Him who always honors all effort made in His name. We desire the encouragement of the Committee and we feel that such encouragement can be shown in no better way than by a thorough consecration of heart and life and means to the cause for which this Committee is laboring.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Gospel Work met immediately after appointment, to organize for the important service to which they had been called.

While bowed under an almost overwhelming sense of the greatness of the work and the weakness of the workers, we were reminded of the assurance given a weak and sorely tried people, "The battle is not yours, but God's." In giving our report for the year now past, although painfully conscious of failures and defeats, we humbly acknowledge that when we have followed our Leader, He has fought our battles, and we have stood still and seen the salvation of the Lord. We regret to report that less work has been accomplished in some fields this year than last, but we rejoice that in other directions doors long closed have been opened to the Lord's messengers. Even from the very meagre reports that have come to us from some of our Quarterly Meetings, we have abundant reason to say "This is the Lord's doing. It is marvellous in our eyes."

The following extracts from reports of the Superintendents show, as far as we are able, the work of the committee:

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. Phebe S. Aydelott, Superintendent. One series of meetings held at Saylesville. Six conversions and renewals. Ten families visited. Six meetings without continued service.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting. Henry F. Newell, Superintendent. Every meeting has been visited, mostly without continued service. Two series of meetings held:—At Lewiston, consisting of thirty-five meetings; at Durham, eighteen meetings. Conversions and renewals, seventy-five. Received into membership, twenty-nine.

We are glad also to report that the meeting rooms at Windham, Casco and Deering have been renovated and made inviting and convenient.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. Salome C. Wheeler, Superintendent. Number of meetings comprising the Quarterly Meeting, five. One member of Gospel Committee has attended the meeting at Worcester twice a month during the autumn and winter. Much valuable teaching has been given by Bible readings and instruction in Friends' principles. God has abundantly blessed the labors of our local workers. Fifteen persons have been received into membership, among whom one little girl of 7 years, who wrote her request to the Monthly Meeting in these words:—"I love Jesus and I want to be a little Friend. Please can I be taken into the Meeting?" The Church, the body of Christ, receives the little one in her arms and takes up the Master's word, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Salem Quarterly Meeting. Charles H. Thorndike, Superintendent. No series of meetings held during the year. The small meetings have been faithfully visited.

Pittsfield provided with one earnest worker who held meetings and visited families for six weeks. Another remained one week. The labors of both were greatly blessed to the strengthening of that Meeting.

A member of the Gospel Committee visited Henniker, No. Weare, So. Weare, twice each, Epping and Pittsfield once.

Superintendent has visited Pittsfield eight times, Epping once, Henniker twice, So. Weare twice.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. William P. Macomber, Superintendent. A series of meetings of one week's duration held at Allen's Neck, at which several professed to enter into a fuller experience of their privileges in Christ. Several who had lost their interest have renewed their covenant. The year past has witnessed much activity along the various lines of Gospel work. Meetings have been held, Bible readings given, all of intense interest and profit.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting. Jesse McPherson, Superintendent. Soon after our last Yearly Meeting, Gospel tent meetings were held at Hallowell, Winthrop and St. Albans, which were owned and blessed of God in the salvation of souls and establishing of believers. Later series of meetings were held at Hallowell, West Gardiner, Winthrop Center, Sydney and St. Albans. Series of meetings, eight. Number of meetings held, one hundred and seventy. Families visited, five hundred and thirty-eight. Conversions and renewals, three hundred. Number joining Friends, one hundred and sixteen.

Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting. Silas H. Cartland, Superintendent. Number of meetings in Quarterly Meeting, four. Extra meetings held, seventy-five. Family visits, one hundred and twenty. Four persons received into membership.

Dover Quarterly Meeting. Emeline H. Tuttle, Superintendent. All of our meetings have been visited, but with no continued service. Thirty families visited. One received into membership.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting. James M. Estes, Superintendent. Two series of meetings have been held during the year; at Maple Grove, consisting of eighteen meetings; at Unity, of twenty meetings. Thirty family visits. Eleven professed conversions and renewals. Meetings attended by committee without continued service, eight (8).

Our meetings have been greatly blessed by the labors of our members in their own Quarterly Meetings. As we note the growing interest and zeal of home workers, and the success that has crowned their efforts, we look out hopefully to the future. The committee recommend that the work be continued under the care of a similar committee. We ask that a sum not less than two thousand dollars be placed at the disposal of the committee in this most important work.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

Series of Meetings	15
Number of Meetings held	461
Family Visits	778
Bible Readings	8
Renewals and Conversions	392
Received into Membership	165

For the Committee,

HARRIETTE D. COLLINS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

RECEIPTS.

By Balance from last year	$270 65
By Cash from Electa Jane Collins	25 00
By Cash from John S. Kimber	5 72
By Cash from John Ellwood Paige, Treasurer, Salem Monthly Meeting	93 55
By Cash from Augustus Davis, Treasurer, Amesbury Monthly Meeting	10 00
By Cash from Robt. P. Gifford, Treasurer, Providence Monthly Meeting	18 50
By Cash from Chas. A. Chace, Treasurer, Swansea Monthly Meeting	44 35
By Cash from L. S. Jones, Treasurer, Boston Monthly Meeting	60 80
By Cash from H. E. Babcock, Treasurer, Bolton Monthly Meeting	5 50
By Cash from F. H. Inman, Treasurer, Uxbridge Monthly Meeting	44 00
By Cash from Eva M. Babcock, Treasurer, Uxbridge Monthly Meeting	20 25

By Cash from Joseph Ewer, Treasurer, Sandwich, Mass. Monthly Meeting	5 00	
By Cash from Cornelius Turner, Treasurer, Sandwich, N. H. Monthly Meeting	4 00	
By Cash from Jesse Chandler, Treasurer, St. Albans' Monthly Meeting	2 65	
By Cash from W. H. Aldrich, Treasurer, Smithfield Monthly Meeting	14 10	
By Cash from Ezra Hawkes, Treasurer, Falmouth Monthly Meeting	5 50	
By Cash from Elwood A. Bailey, Treasurer, Winthrop Monthly Meeting	28 05	
By Cash from Lindley H. Osborne, Treasurer, Weare Monthly Meeting	51 00	
By Cash from James A. Gifford, Treasurer, Westport Monthly Meeting	20 00	
By Cash from Elizabeth S. W. Wood, Treasurer, Dartmouth Monthly Meeting	15 45	
By Cash from Henry Taber, Treasurer, Vassalboro Monthly Meeting	4 00	
By Cash from Joseph S. Anthony, Treasurer, Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	20 00	
By Cash from William A. Jones, Treasurer, China Monthly Meeting	6 00	
By Cash from Albert W. Holmes, Treasurer, New Bedford Monthly Meeting	15 00	
By Cash from Ezra Hawkes, Treasurer, Falmouth Monthly Meeting	2 00	
		$791 07

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid out	$561 10
Balance on hand	$229 97

JOSEPH E. BRIGGS, *Treasurer.*

19. The Nominating Committee have presented names for vacancies occurring on the Providence Boarding School Committee and its Real Estate Committee; also, for the Committee on Education, which nominations are approved and confirmed.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SEVENTH-DAY AFTERNOON.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

20. Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for Ireland; also from New York, Baltimore and Indiana Yearly Meetings were read.

21. The report of the Church Extension Board has been read, giving cheering evidence of good work done. We desire to encourage our membership to a hearty co-operation with the board in the prosecution of its work, both by sympathy and material aid.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Church Extension Board began its work at the opening of the present year by a meeting for organization, held in Portland, in Sixth Month last, when Benjamin F. Trueblood was appointed chairman; Thomas Wood, treasurer, and George L. Crosman, secretary; and the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Phebe S. Aydelott and D. Wheeler Swift, were appointed an Executive Committee to act for the Board between its meetings.

The Executive Committee has met, from time to time, to consider work which has opened to us, and a meeting of the full board was held in Tenth Month. Early in the year a circular letter was prepared, addressed to members of the Yearly Meeting, setting forth the work of the Board and appealing for financial means, with which to carry it on. These letters were sent by mail into every family in the Meeting, as far as possible, and to many individual members. As a result, the report of the Treasurer shows that contributions to the amount of $218 have been received. Financial assistance, which had been previously given the meeting at Meaderboro, N. H., has been continued during the present year. We have felt that the work accomplished there has been gratifying and warranted the effort expended.

Opportunity for work at No. Weare, N. H., has received consideration during the year; but, under conditions existing, it seemed impossible for the Board to do anything there to advantage at present.

An appeal from the meeting at Sidney, Maine, for assistance was given attention, and the sum of $80.74 has been contributed to the work there. We are informed that the Friends at Sidney have recently remodeled their meeting-house, and during the past year pastoral work has been done towards building up the meeting.

The Board has had the privilege of extending help, financial and otherwise, to the Friends at Lawrence, Mass., who, during the year have accomplished the completion and dedication of their new meeting-house, which is a credit to their energy and perseverance in the cause of church extension. We have also received encouraging reports from other localities, indicating that Meetings are in healthful and growing condition.

In acknowledgement of work done during the year in the cause of church extension, but by private munificence, we regard it proper to mention in this report the remodeling of the old meeting-house at Vassalboro, Maine, which has been closed for some years, into what is now one of the prettiest Friends' chapels in New England, it being the gift of Sophia D. Bailey of Winthrop, to Oak Grove Seminary. This new house enables the school to become an increasing religious influence in a community in which a once flourishing meeting has been laid down. We wish there were other Friends in the Yearly Meeting with purses and hearts large enough to open other old meeting-houses, and cause the gospel to be preached to communities suffering for the want of it.

GEORGE L. CROSMAN, *Secretary.*

THE CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received collections	$218 00
Expended	218 00

THOMAS WOOD, *Treasurer.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 14th, 1896.

22. The epistle from the Monthly Meeting at Ramallah has been read, bringing in itself unmistakable evidence of the efficiency of the work in that place.

23. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions has been read and is of unusual interest. The Meeting has been solemnized as we have listened to the account of the removal of our dear Friend, Charles M. Jones. We may not doubt the wisdom of the purposes of our God. The silent eloquence of the grave in that Judean Vineyard may not be easily measured.

Our tenderest sympathy goes out to the late matron in her early widowhood. "As one whom His mother comforteth," may our tender Father in Heaven comfort her.

We feel a sense of thankfulness that our dear Friends, Timothy B. and Anna M. Hussey have so cheerfully offered to engage in the work of this mission, and we desire for them the protection and help of our Master in the assured belief that whatever the outcome, their reward will be sure. In that reward may this meeting have a part by its generous support.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In reviewing the events of the past year, the Committee feel that, of a truth, "God moves in a mysterious way." In the early part of the summer Charles M. Jones and his wife left for Ramallah, followed by our heartfelt prayers. They arrived safely at their destination and began their chosen work with skill and devotion. A blessing rested upon their work and all seemed to be prospering at the Mission, when both Superintendent and Matron were stricken with fever, and in a few weeks his earthly labors were over. "Lord, why is this?" was the question of many hearts, the loss to his friends and to the Mission was so great. But "God buries the workman and carries on his work," and his bereaved widow, as soon as her health was restored, endeavored, with her faithful helpers, to carry out his plans. She does not however feel able to continue at the Mission, and our friends, Timothy and Anna Hussey, in self-denying love, have consented to go again to Ramallah and take charge of the interests there, for the present. We trust some one, whose heart the Lord hath touched, will be found as a permanent caretaker of the work.

The Matron gives the following report of the condition of the Mission:

"I will now attempt to gather up a few notes from which the Secretary may be able to frame a report of our work at Ramallah, for the Yearly Meeting to be held next at Newport, R. I. The dark and heavy cloud which has gathered and burst over our heads, has, of course, had a depressing effect upon every line of the work; yet our Mission Workers have stood faithfully at the post of duty, and in the main the work has moved on prosperously. We acknowledge gratefully the unfailing help of our Heavenly Father, at times when no earthly assistance was of any avail.

"Of the Superintendent, who began with so much loving interest, the work intrusted to him by New England Yearly Meeting, and whose death touched so deeply the hearts of all the workers, I cannot speak at length, but will simply say that when God called him from this to a higher service, he entered it just as cheerfully, sweetly trusting that a wise Father had ordered all things well.

"A little more than a month after the death of Charles M. Jones, occurred that of Helaine Ostfan, one of the Training-Home pupils. She was fourteen years of age, a member of the first class, and much beloved by teachers and classmates. She died of typhoid fever, after an illness of just two weeks. We feel sure that she is safely sheltered in that land where sickness and sorrow are never permitted to enter. Although there are, at the present writing, some who still are sick, I am thankful to be able to report them all improving. The Training-Home has been thoroughly disinfected, the rooms newly whitened and great pains taken to remove all traces of sickness. At the beginning of the school year, Tenth Month 1st, 1895, there were in the Training-Home twenty-one girls, of these five were new scholars.

"Katie Gabriel still holds the position of head teacher, and one needs no better proof of her efficiency than to see the really excellent work accomplished by the young teachers who went out from her training last year. The pupils in the

Training-Home are instructed in both Arabic and English, while particular attention is given to the careful study of the Bible. They are also taught needlework, both useful and ornamental, and have regular and systematic training in each department of housework. They carry on among themselves a regularly organized Peace Meeting. It is conducted in perfect order. It was my privilege to attend it last Sabbath, in company with Hannah J. Bailey, World's Superintendent W. C. T. U. Department of Peace. We were both very much pleased with the easy manner in which the exercises were carried on, and feel sure that it must have its influences for good upon the children.

"At the beginning of this year two new day schools were opened, one in Ramallah and one in a village some miles distant, called Ain Areek. We have now in successful operation six village day schools. Of these one is at Saiybeh, one at Jiffneh, one at Ain Areek, and three in Ramallah. All of these in Ramallah are taught by the graduates of the Training Home. We have been pleased at every visit to find the work prospering in a measure exceeding what we could have expected. The children improve in cleanliness and order, and many of them learn rapidly. They will recite stories from the Bible, repeat whole Psalms, and sing their Arabic hymns very sweetly. The schools at Saiybeh and Jiffneh are taught by the same teachers as last year. The school at Ain Areek was opened at the earnest request of the people and they seem to appreciate its benefits. The teacher is a Ramallah girl and a former pupil, although not a graduate of the Training-Home. She has a real missionary spirit, and does not confine her work to her pupils wholly, but tries to uplift the parents as well. Some Moslem girls attend the school. The whole number of children thus coming under the influence of our teaching is two hundred. While some are very irregular in attendance, many really attend promptly, and make good advancement. The schools are under the constant supervision of Martha Nusr, who spares no pains to assist both teachers and scholars in every way possible.

"Our meetings are well attended.

"The Sabbath school also seems to be in a prosperous state. The children from the day schools come in large numbers and they pay excellent attention to the lessons. They have the Golden Text committed to memory, and often recite it in concert. The hymns are frequently selected with reference to the children, and they enter into the singing with spirit. Average attendance about eighty-five.

"The mothers' meetings are still kept up, as reported last year. They are held three times each week, sometimes at the home of Emily Aude, the Bible woman, and sometimes at the homes of the women. They bring with them their work, whatever it happens to be, and invariably bring the baby. The Bible is read and explained, hymns sung, and texts of Scripture committed. Often they eagerly ask questions, and talk over what has been told them. Sometimes the women from the Greek and Latin church drop in to the meetings, and so get a little taste of the real Gospel. The blessing of the Lord must attend this effort to reach the hearts of the down-trodden women of Ramallah.

"After watching for some weeks the interesting work of relieving the sick and suffering, as witnessed in our clinic, Charles M. Jones conceived the idea of making the dispensary more convenient and attractive, and also of preparing a small hospital where important cases might have the direct attention of the doctor. He at once secured rooms and had them thoroughly renovated and prepared for this purpose. A neat little dispensary now opens to the street, while leading from it is the doctor's consulting room, where clinic is regularly held. Above are two rooms, where seven beds can be made up. Mattresses were prepared and bedding fitted up sufficient for the same, so that upon short notice the rooms might be ready for use. We have deemed it wise, however, to keep the hospital closed to the public until such time as the superintendent may think best to put it in active operation. The number of patients in clinic since the last report has been 3161. Patients visited outside, 1985. Number of cases treated for eye diseases, 2579. Number of villages visited by mission doctor, 43. Number of surgical operations, 367. The number of prescriptions written has been 4532. Days of clinic number 190.

"During the early winter we greatly enjoyed a visit from our beloved friends, Isaac Sharp and Dr. John Dixon, of London Yearly Meeting. Although their visit was necessarily short, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. They attended our meeting and Sabbath school, looking in upon our day schools and medical work, and were a real inspiration everywhere. We had also in the spring time a visit from our dear friend Hannah J. Bailey, of New England Yearly Meeting, accompanied by her niece, Theo. Edna Johnston. Coming as they did, at a time when all hearts were crushed with recent sorrow, theirs became a ministry of consolation. May God bless them for their words of comfort and their deeds of love.

"Hannah J. Bailey presented the Mission a fine new Blair camera and 72 plates. We trust that in the future our photographs may take a long step in advance.

"Every effort on the part of our late superintendent was made to procure from the Turkish Government permission to enlarge the Training Home, but up to the present writing no such firman has been granted.

"We thank our many friends in America for their contributions of ready made clothing and other necessary articles.

"We consider this a most important and interesting field for mission work, and in conclusion would quote the words of our Lord Jesus to His disciples: —

"'Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the Harvest that He may send forth laborers into His harvest."

In the interest of the work,

ELLEN M. JONES.

Fourth Month 25th, 1896.

On behalf of the Committee,

RUTH S. MURRAY, *Clerk.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND, *in account with* WM. T. HUSSEY, *Treasurer.*

1895—1896. RECEIVED.	
Interest from Permanent Fund in New Bedford Bank	$161 60
From Anna Conklin, through Mary M. Post	5 00
Susan F. Hoxie, for Emily Audi's work	65 00
Wm. Thompson, contribution received	15 15
Huldah Gifford, by Wm. Thompson	25 00
Margaret and Edmund Price	5 00
Susie Norris	5 00
Mrs. M. A. Bristol	2 00
Sophia E. Hubbard	5 00
Rev. R. P. Gibson	2 00
Friends in Estacado, Texas, through Hannah M. Baker	5 00
Jacob L. Moulder	5 00
Wm. Thompson, proceeds of lecture at Tamworth and Sandwich	7 00
Ellen Collins	20 00
Elizabeth M. Hawkes	5 00
Mrs. Chas. C. Wilbur	65 00
Contributions at Maryland Ridge	1 06
H. L. Collins	25
Susan M. Seabury	25 00
Mahlon P. Marshburn, Estacado, Texas	3 00
Miss H. Sherman, through Ruth S. Murray	5 00
Adeline L. F. Daniels	2 00
Emma C. Swift, for support of a bed in Hospital at Ramallah	50 00
Lucy M. Wood	5 00
Friend's Sewing Circle, Maple Grove, Me., by S. S. Harlow	5 00
Chas. C. Starbuck	4 00
Sarah Hussey	20 00
Mrs. E. C. Haworth, California, by M. Jones	2 00
Wm. Thompson	3 00
Isabella Stanley, by L. M. Stanley	5 00
Carrie Smith, for a day scholar (one year)	5 00
Carrie Smith, Education of Helanie Hanna	5 00
Martha C. Swan and Sisters	50 00
Martha C. Swan, Mite Box	5 00
Samuel Miles	5 00
Mary E. Taylor	36 76
Helen M. Aldrich, by Mary M. Post	5 00
Amount carried forward,	$639 82

Amount brought forward,		$639 82
From Emma Wingate, by Ellen M. Jones		5 00
J. E. Eves, for Anna and Lillian		1 00
Class of little Girls, through Carrie Smith		2 00
Allen's Neck Bible School, by Lillie S. Gifford		9 50
Woonsocket Bible School, by E. T. Read		65 00
Edgebrooke, N. J., Bible School, by R. E. Allinson		5 00
Gonic Bible School, by D. F. Jenness		42 50
Manhattan Chapel School, by Mary M. Post		10 00
Smith's Neck Bible School, by Olive D. Howland		4 00
S. M. Seabury's Bible Class, by Helen M. Seabury		5 00
New Bedford Bible School, by Classes of Mary and Helen Seabury, Gertrude Smith and Della Butler		5 00
Bolton Bible School, by Alfred Dow		9 40
Sarah J. Swift, for support of a bed in Hospital—contributed as follows:—		
Bolton Bible School	$11 00	
Worcester Bible School	14 50	
Friends at Woonsocket	14 50	
Christmas Collection	10 00	
		50 00
New York and Brooklyn Christian Endeavor Society, by Aletta B. W. Lawrence, Treas.		150 00
Acushnet Bible School, by Adelaide V. Wilbur		5 00
Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, Jos. S. Anthony, Treasurer		16 00
Swansea Monthly Meeting, C. A. Chace, Treas.		76 50
Providence Monthly Meeting, Robt. P. Gifford, Treas.		92 00
Salem Monthly Meeting, J. Ellwood Paige, Treas.		118 75
Amesbury Monthly Meeting, J. Augustus Davis, Treas.		7 25
Weare Monthly Meeting, Lindley H. Osborne, Treas.		20 50
Boston Monthly Meeting, L. S. Jones, Treas.		88 98
Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Joseph Ewer, Treas.		30 00
Westport Monthly Meeting, Jas. A. Gifford, Treas.		15 00
Falmouth Monthly Meeting, Ezra Hawkes, Treas.		2 50
Smithfield Monthly Meeting, W. H. Aldrich, Treas.		19 00
Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, E. M. Babcock, Treas.		116 25
Bolton Monthly Meeting, H. E. Babcock, Treas.		18 37
Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, Henry Taber, Treas.		10 25
Berwick Monthly Meeting, Samuel Buffum, Treas.		20 00
Parsonsfield Monthly Meeting, Jas. Cartland, Treas.		5 00
Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, Elizabeth S. H. Wood, Treas.		7 00
Greenwich Monthly Meeting, Chas. W. Earle, Treas.		21 50
China Monthly Meeting, Wm. A. Jones, Treas.		5 00
St. Albans Monthly Meeting, J. W. Chandler, Treas.		1 50
Winthrop Monthly Meeting, E. A. Bailey, Treas.		11 50
Amount carried forward,		$1,711 07

Amount brought forward,		$1,711 07
From Two Baptist Ladies		10 00
Martha Greaves, by Hannah J. Bailey		10 00
Phebe W. Sawtelle		3 00
Martha Greaves		10 00
Anna Estes, "Margie's Mite Box"		1 00
W. F. M. S. of New England, Susan H. Meader, Treas.		1,300 00
Manchester Juvenile Band, by Susan H. Meader		5 00
Eunice A. Green, by Susan H. Meader		5 00
Lynn Bible School, by Susan H. Meader		5 00
Portland Auxiliary, by Susan H. Meader		5 00
North Berwick "Willing Workers," by Susan H. Meader		5 00
New York W. F. M. S., Mary L. Chase, Treas.		10 00
Indiana W. F. M. S., Anna M. Roberts, Treas.		10 00
Purchase Quarterly Meeting, W. F. M. S. Lydia A. Griffen, Treas.		150 00
Baltimore Foreign Mission Committee, Katherine M. Brevett, Treas., for Jiffneh School		140 00
Philadelphia W. F. M. S., Ellen W. Longstreth, Treas., through Haverford branch for bed in Hospital, $50; and Medicine, $40		90 00
Total amount received from all subscriptions		$3,470 07
Received from Strafford Bank—balance from last year		$387 59
Amounts borrowed from "Building Fund" to meet deficiency in Subscriptions, as follows: —		
From Building Fund in Strafford Bank	$414 63	
From Building Fund in York County Bank	300 00	
From Interest on Building Investment	350 00	
		1,064 63
		$4,922 29

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EXPENDED.

6th	Mo.	25.	Paid Chas. M. Jones and wife, on salary	$300 00
7th	"	5.	Chas. M. Jones, for two tickets to Port Said	280 00
"	"	8.	for 500 Government Envelopes and Postage Stamps	16 00
"	"	20.	Edwards & Walker, for Tools sent to Palestine	22 46
"	"	23.	for London Draft for Mission £100 sterling	490 25
10th	"	2.	for London Draft sent the Mission, £100 sterling.	489 00
"	"	24.	for London Draft sent the Mission, £100 sterling.	488 50
11th	"	8.	Geo. C. Herbert, for 2000 letter heads and express	10 25
"	"	29.	American Friend, for half-tone Plates and Papers.	12 36
"	"	29.	for Postage Stamps	3 00
12th	"	20.	for London Draft, sent Mission at Ramallah, £100	489 00
"	"	20.	Mary Rhoads Garrett, for Mission Pamphlets	5 00
1st	"	10.	Review of Reviews, sent to Ramallah	3 50
"	"	14.	Kendall & Whitney, for Garden Seeds sent to Ramallah	1 18
			Amount carried forward,	$2,610 50

			Amount bronght forward,	$2,610 50
2d	Mo.	20.	for Postage Stamps	6 00
“	“	24.	Cablegrams and Telegrams	7 15
3d	“	9.	Cablegrams	4 70
“	“	9.	London Draft (made to credit Lyonnais) for Mission	732 75
“	“	18.	C. E. Jackson, for copying Photos of Jiffneh School	1 31
“	“	31.	Two Cablegrams	6 58
4th	“	3.	for six blank Letter Files	3 24
“	“	10.	B. B. Hill, for Letter-press Blotter Pads	1 20
“	“	20.	Hall L. Davis, for Blank Books	10 82
“	“	23.	London Draft, made to credit Lyonnais Bank for Mission	733 12
5th	“	11.	C. Goodwin, Architect, for Plans	12 00
“	“	11.	A. P. Drew, for Mission Photographs	6 00
“	“	11.	Calvin W. Pritchard, for Quarterlies, etc., for Mission	3 92
“	“	19.	Hospital Expenses, through H. J. Bailey (from M. Greaves)	10 00
“	“	20.	for two tickets to Port Said, for T. B. Hussey and wife	280 00
“	“	26.	Hall L. Davis, for Copy Press	4 00
6th	“	5.	for London Draft, made to credit Lyonnais for Mission	489 00
				$4,922 29

Examined vouchers and found correct,

R. P. GIFFORD, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF MISSION FUNDS IN HANDS OF WM. T. HUSSEY, TREASURER.

In New Bedford Five Cent Savings Bank, Permanent Fund		$2,000 00
In Strafford Savings Bank, Building Fund	$2,934 65	
One Note on Interest at 5 per cent., and secured by collateral	4,000 00	
One Note on Interest at 5 per cent., and secured by collateral	1,500 00	
Total Amount Building and Permanent Fund . . .		8,434 65
		$10,434 65

WM. T. HUSSEY, *Treasurer.*

24. The report of the Committee on Western Indians has been read. It is a cause of much satisfaction to us that it has been fully demonstrated that the the civilization of the Indian is more than a possibility. The report is satisfactory. The recommendation for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The work of the Associated Executive Committee has continued on the same lines as last year.

In consequence of the prolonged absence of its Chairman, Edward M. Wistar, in Armenia, it was thought advisable to omit the annual meeting.

Sixteen recognized ministers of the Gospel, with their families, have been engaged in the work during the past year, ten of whom are now in the field.

Five meetings, formerly reported by us, have been transferred to the care of Kansas Yearly Meeting. These meetings were largely composed of whites. We have now five Monthly Meetings included in one report, viz.: Grand River, Blue Jacket, Skiatook, Shawneetown and Iowa. Twenty-seven meetings for worship are embraced within these Monthly Meetings, with a membership of 1,209, of which 475 are Indians.

George and Ella Hartley reside at Shawneetown, and superintend the work under the care of the Associated Executive Committee. The meeting here numbers fifty Indians and seventy-three whites. The children of the Government Boarding School, now numbering one hundred and eight, attend regularly, which gives importance to the work here. Reports from the field are received every month by the Committee from each Yearly Meeting. In this way we are brought, though widely separated from the work, into close touch and sympathy with our Indian friends, and with those who have the care of our several stations.

The Mission at the Ottawas has been under the care of William and Abbie Haworth since last Tenth month, when Robert Hodson and wife resigned. This meeting has 143 members, 57 of whom are Indians. The average attendance on first days has been 113, and at mid-week meetings 43. A Christian Endeavor Society has been sustained with much interest and profit. A meeting once a week is held with the children in the Quapaw Government School. Meetings at Peoria and Longs are also attended by Wm. P. Haworth and wife. From letters received from these missionaries, we find they have taken special care to visit the Indians within their territory at their homes, where they find great destitution as to the necessaries of life and little or no furniture in their homes; more attention as a whole is paid to the cultivation of their land, and the proceeds from it are largely used for further improvements. Indians differ in regard to their general capabilities, much the same as whites.

The Modocs have Elwood and Amy Cook residing among them. These missionaries have entered into the work with much interest and satisfaction to the Indians. Samuel Clinton, a Modoc, and a recorded minister, exercises his gift to the edification of the Meeting.

There has been an increase of attendance on the part of the Indian members at the Wyandotte Meeting. Friends do not own a meeting house here, but are allowed the privilege of the Methodist house, when not in use, for their meetings.

Work among the Senecas is progressing. Smith Nichols, an Indian, continues faithful among his people, often reminding them of their early experience when bows and arrows were placed in their hands and they went out to hunt for game without ever thinking of weariness or hunger until the game was caught and night came, thus stimulating them to greater diligence in the Lord's work. Something has been contributed towards the construction of a meeting house where Smith Nichols' labors have been blessed. Lucy Winney, also a Seneca Indian, has conducted a Bible School successfully, near her home, with an average attendance of 25. The Skiatook Meeting has 34 members. The present enrollment of the Boarding School is 88, three-fourths of whom are Indians. The comfort and convenience of the large family has been greatly increased by the erection of a substantial addition to their buildings. There are about 330 Indians within a radius of ten miles from this centre. The Kickapoo work will be reported by the the W. F. M. Society. The Iowa Indians who, a few years ago were located at the Iowa Mission, now number 75. They have been restless and dissatisfied since their removal to their allotted land, 20 miles north of the old Mission. Several of them have planted crops this season, and promise to settle down and improve their lands. A meeting-house and a dwelling house will soon be built near their allotments.

Thirty-eight meetings have been held with them the past year with an average attendance of fifty-two. In one of Charles E. Pearson's letters, we find the following: "Arrived at the Iowa settlement late Seventh-day evening, and commenced visiting families early First-day morning, reading the Scriptures and praying with them as opportunity offered The meeting in the afternoon held until night, all the Indians were present. Spent the night with Joseph Amblers, an Indian. In the morning breakfast was served for us on a small table spread with a clean cloth, while theirs was served on the dirt floor as is the custom. After we were well seated they asked me to return thanks for both tables."

Besides the regular services of our Missionaries, thirteen series of meetings have been held, resulting in seventy-one professed conversions. Nine thousand four hundred and sixty-eight miles have been travelled in the work. The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings, is $4,000. We recommend that $525 be appropriated for the use of the Executive Committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

MYRA E. FRYE, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS, 1895 AND 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year		$58 62
Received from Monthly Meetings as follows:		
Amesbury	$6 00	
Berwick	5 00	
Boston	30 55	
Bolton	1 55	
China	1 50	

Dartmouth	$5 00	
Fairfield	5 00	
Falmouth, Me.	11 75	
Greenwich	7 00	
New Bedford	45 10	
Providence	39 00	
Rhode Island	20 00	
Sandwich, Mass.	39 25	
Sandwich, N. H.	3 00	
Swansea	21 20	
Salem	85 30	
Smithfield	17 85	
Uxbridge	80 00	
Vassalboro	65	
Westport	12 00	
Weare	10 50	
Winthrop	7 00	
Total from Monthly Meetings		454 20
Received from Dover Bible School		10 00
“ Lynn Bible School		10 00
“ Manchester, Me., Bible School		7 30
“ Worcester Bible School		10 00
“ Saylesville Bible School		2 00
“ Pittsfield Christian Endeavor Society		1 00
“ Saylesville Christian Endeavor Society		2 00
“ Saylesville Junior Christian Endeavor Society		1 00
“ Electa J. Collins		25 00
		$581 12

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Support of Robert W. Hodson, Indian Territory	$84 00	
“ Wm. P. Haworth, Indian Territory	168 00	
“ John M. Watson, Skiatook Mission	100 00	
Paid Amount Due Associated Executive Committee for 1895	75 00	
“ “ “ 1896	75 00	
Total Payments		$502 00
Balance on Hand for Coming Year		$79 12

SAMUEL BUFFUM, *Treasurer,*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 13th, 1896.

25. The Nominating Committee presented names of a Committee on Correspondence.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, Second-day morning 15th.

SECOND-DAY, MORNING 15TH.

Met at the hour appointed.

Epistles from our Friends in Canada, Western, Wilmington, Kansas, Oregon and California Yearly Meetings have been read.

26. The report of the Committee on the suppression of the liquor traffic was read, showing diligence in their work in the face of discouragement, apathy and opposition. We trust that our Society may be true to its principles and its history, and become stronger and stronger in its efforts for order, sobriety and good government.

27. The Committee on Finance, through its Secretary, presented its report, which is satisfactory.

We are confirmed in our belief that the method adopted for raising funds for church work is the right one. We wish to impress upon our membership the thought that the silver and gold are His and that we be sure that in the matter of finance there be not a withholding of more than is meet.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:—

The primary object of this plan of raising money is to bring Christians to see that divine ownership and human stewardship must be the recognized rule of life, in order that the Church may accomplish aggressive work for Christ. Each year shows an advance in the hearts of individual members in this direction, and the custom of systematic and proportionate giving is being more generally adopted by them, still there are whole meetings which have not shown co-operation. The contributions of Boston, Westport and Uxbridge Monthly Meetings have exceeded their quotas. It is to be regretted that Durham, South Kingstown, Dover, Windham, Lewiston, Maple Grove and Unity have sent forward nothing for the philanthropic work of the Yearly Meeting during the year. Your committee herewith presents the plan revised in a more simple form, while not changing its working principle, and recommend that it be printed in the minutes of this meeting with this report, and that a sufficient number of slips be issued to supply our membership.

The following is the tabulated statement:—

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE SEVERAL MONTHLY MEETINGS TOWARDS THE BENEVOLENT WORK CARRIED ON BY THE YEARLY MEETING.

Monthly Meetings.	Gospel Work.	Foreign Missions.	Western Indians.	Freedmen.	Bible School Work.	Temperance.	Education.	Peace.	Total Collections.	Amount Called For.
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.										
Rhode Island	$20 00	$16 00	$20 00	$9 81	$6 00	$5 00	$5 00	$5 00	$86 81	$550 55
Greenwich .	....	21 50	7 00	7 50	11 50	....	...	...	47 50	78 65
Swansea . .	44 35	66 50	21 20	13 10	6 00	5 92	...	2 42	159 49	440 44
Providence .	18 50	92 00	39 00	31 00	6 00	15 00	3 00	5 50	210 00	440 44
S. Kingstown	....	....	....	....	...	....	...	...	....	62 92
									$503 80	
Salem Quarterly Meeting.										
Salem	$93 55	$93 75	$85 30	$35 05	$16 83	$21 88	$6 70	$10 00	$363 06	$682 11
Amesbury . .	10 00	7 25	6 00	2 75	4 25	6 00	1 00	5 00	42 25	257 40
Weare . . .	51 00	20 50	10 50	....	7 50	10 50	...	11 00	111 00	218 79
Boston . . .	60 80	65 54	30 55	17 70	5 62	6 51	2 46	7 38	196 56	128 70
									$712 87	
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.										
Sandwich, Ms.	$5 00	$30 00	$39 25	$5 00	...	$1 25	...	...	$80 50	$214 50
Dartmouth .	15 45	7 00	5 00	1 00	$1 00	3 15	$1 70	$1 00	35 30	143 00
Westport . .	20 00	15 00	12 00	12 45	7 00	7 00	4 00	10 00	87 45	85 80
New Bedford	15 00	25 50	45 10	10 50	3 00	2 50	1 25	1 25	104 10	986 70
									$307 35	
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting.										
Falmouth . .	$7 50	....	$11 75	$3 00	...	....	$1 73	...	$23 98	$267 41
Durham . .	....	....	....	....	...	....	...	...	....	151 93¾
Windham . .	....	....	....	....	...	....	...	...	....	127 62¾
Lewiston . .	....	....	....	....	...	....	...	...	....	60 77½
									$23 98	
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.										
Smithfield . .	$14 10	$19 00	$17 85	$1 30	$1 20	$3 00	...	$1 55	$58 00	$188 76
Uxbridge . .	64 25	116 50	80 00	30 25	8 55	8 50	$4 00	6 00	318 05	193 05
Bolton . . .	5 50	12 90	1 55	1 75	...	....	...	...	21 70	47 19
									$397 75	
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting										
Vassalboro .	$4 00	$10 25	$ 65	$ 60	$ 50	$1 00	...	...	$17 00	$196 62½
China	6 0	5 00	1 50	....	...	....	...	...	12 50	137 63¾
Unity	....	....	....	....	...	....	...	...	....	58 98¾
Maple Grove	....	....	....	....	...	....	...	...	....	....
									$29 50	
Dover Quarterly Meeting.										
Dover . . .	....	....	....	....	...	....	...	...	....	$243 00
Berwick . .	....	$20 00	$5 00	....	...	....	...	$10 00	$35 00	162 00
									$35 00	

FAIRFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.

Sidney . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	$1 55	. . . .	. . .	. . .	$1 55	$171 60
Winthrop . .	$28 05	$24 06	$12 00	$4 00	5 25	$25 00	$2 00	$4 00	104 36	643 50
St. Albans .	2 65	1 50	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	1 75	. . .	. . .	5 90	42 90
									$111 81	

PARSONSFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.

Sandw'h, NH.	$4 00	. . . .	$3 00	. . . .	. . .	. . . .	. . .	. . .	$7 00	$47 66⅔
Parsonsfield .	. . . .	$5 00	. . . .	. . . .	$4 00	. . . .	. . .	. . .	9 00	95 33⅓
									$16 00	
Totals . .	$489 70	$674 75	$454 20	$186 76	$95 75	$123 96	$32 84	$80 10	$2,138 06	$7,150 00
Last year . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	. . . .	. . .	. . .	$2,332 11	

For the Finance Committee,

P. S. AYDELOTT, *Secretary*.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 15th, 1896.

A PLAN FOR CHRISTIAN GIVING.

The necessity of system in Christian giving is very generally recognized, and has its warrant in the words of Scripture: "Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come." (1 Cor. 16: 2). "The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." (Lev. 37: 32). "Unto whomsoever much is given of him shall be much required." (Luke 12: 48).

Many may be sharers of blessings they have never before known, if obedient to the Gospel teaching, "Let each man *do* according as he hath purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9: 7). The Mosaic standard of tithes and offerings received a new impulse in the early Christian Church, when brought under the power of that sacrifice which was the offering of Himself once for all.

1st. *Duties of Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance.*—The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance, composed of one man and one woman from each Quarterly Meeting, with the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting as member *ex-officio*, shall organize by the appointment of one of its members as Financial Secretary. It shall issue as early as the first of the seventh month of each year a general Circular Letter, containing a statement of the several amounts necessary to be raised for Yearly Meeting expenses (including obligations which may have been assumed), and also for philanthropic work under its care, the latter amounts having been specified by the respective standing committees in their annual reports to the Yearly Meeting. This Circular Letter shall embody such other items of interest and advice relating to finances as may have claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting, with directions about the use of the envelopes as may seem to be required. It shall contain suitable blanks in which to enter an estimate of Monthly and Preparative meeting expenses, with the apportionment to individual members. The following form is recommended:—

The amount which . . . . Monthly Meeting has directed to be raised to meet expenses the ensuing year, including its quota of Yearly and Quarterly stock, is $ . . . .

Quota of the above amount for . . . . Preparative Meeting . . $ . . .
Current expenses for . . . . Preparative Meeting . . . . $ . . .
Total . . . . $ . . .
Thy proportion of the above amount is about . . . . per month.
. . . . , *Treasurer.*

This committee shall prepare suitable books of entry for the use of Monthly and Preparative Meetings, and shall have envelopes printed to correspond with the objects for which money is needed. They shall strive to promote an interest in the work, and a healthful spirit of giving among the members of their respective Quarterly Meetings.

It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to maintain a correspondence with the Treasurers of Monthly Meetings, and also with the Treasurers of the several standing committees, who are receiving offerings through the envelopes, and forward to the Monthly Meetings, as often as may seem best, a statement of the financial condition of each object for which funds are desired, with any need that may exist.

2d. *Duties of Monthly Meetings and their Finance Committees.*—Monthly Meetings shall annually appoint three Friends from each of their Preparative Meetings, one of whom shall be the treasurer of that Preparative Meeting, and these, with the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting as member *ex-officio*, shall constitute the Monthly Meeting's Committee on Finance. It is recommended that the financial year in each Monthly Meeting begin in the Autumn, in order that the information and advices from the Yearly Meeting may be duly received through the Quarterly Meeting. The Finance Committee shall duly fill the blank spaces in the Circular Letter intended for estimates of all meeting expenses, and apportion to individual members the amounts considered necessary to meet such expenses. This committee shall distribute to each member, both male and female, who may be expected to aid the work of the church, envelopes for monthly offerings, properly numbered, and with the envelopes shall be given a copy of the Circular Letter, after the proper blanks have been filled.

Directly after the first Sabbath in the Ninth, Twelfth, Third and Sixth Months of each year, the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting shall forward to the several treasurers of the Yearly Meeting's standing committees all free-will offerings intended for the work entrusted to them, and shall also report the same with other accounts annually to the Monthly Meeting.

3d. *Duties of Preparative Meetings and their Treasurers.*—When a Monthly Meeting consists of more than one Preparative Meeting, each of such Preparative Meetings is advised to appoint a treasurer to have charge of its receipts and disbursements. This treasurer shall make a list in the book of entry, furnished him by the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting, of all members of the Meeting who may be expected to contribute, and assign to each a number, except when members of one family prefer to be indexed under one number, when he may adapt his record to their choice. As the envelopes are returned to the treasurer, he shall enter the items in the cash book, stating the number of the envelope and name of month when payment is made, with the respective amounts, in the proper columns. He shall forward quarterly all free-will offerings to the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting. Contributions for local expenses shall remain in his hands to be paid as the Preparative Meeting may require.

4th. *Duties of Individual Members.*—Each member, who is able to do so, is desired to enclose in the envelopes, monthly contributions toward "Meeting Expenses," as apportioned by the Finance Committee; but, if preferred, the amount may be paid proportionately, semi-annually or annually. He is also earnestly entreated to contribute free-will offerings for the philanthropic work carried on by the Yearly Meeting, and named in the Circular Letter, as may be consistent with his duty to God, as a steward of the property entrusted to him, being careful always to give an honest reply to the query, "How much owest thou unto my Lord?" If the donor has no choice how his offerings shall be appropriated, the amount may be placed against the item, "General Fund," and the Finance Committee of the Monthly Meeting will distribute it among the objects named, as in its judgment seems best. The item, "Meeting Expenses," on the envelopes includes the expenses of both the Preparative and the Monthly Meetings. The item, "General Fund," covers all objects named on the envelopes, except "Meeting Expenses."

28. The Nominating Committee have presented names for vacancies occurring on the following Committees, viz: Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, Foreign Missions, Western Indians, Church Extension, all of which nominations this Meeting confirms.

29. The Nominating Committee is instructed to present names of Friends for a Committee on Gospel Work, as follows, viz: Seven for one year, seven for two years, and seven for three years. The Committee to effect its own organization.

30. We appoint Alice W. Hawkes to fill a vacancy which has occurred on the Nominating Committee, and the Representatives are authorized to fill any vacancy which may hereafter occur on said Nominating Committee.

Adjourned at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

SECOND-DAY AFTERNOON.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

31. We appoint Owen Dame, Barker Newhall, Charles H. Jones, Elizabeth Gifford, and Elizabeth T. Larkin, a Committee to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries and present them to our next sitting.

32. The Committee on Bible Schools presented their report, which has been listened to with interest, and we are made thankful

that this department of work, holding so important a place in church activities, is receiving the devoted attention of so large a part of our membership.

REPORT OF BIBLE SCHOOLS.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

"And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself."

If the Great Teacher taught His disciples from all the Scriptures, it is the best endorsement we can have of our text book. If He taught them of Himself, the teacher of to-day can have no higher aspiration than the power to make his scholars see Jesus in the written Word.

The spiritual and practical in Sabbath School work must be combined, if we would have completeness in teaching. People must be drawn to the place of teaching before they can be taught; hence we must consider methods. To-day so much literature is printed with suggestions and ways of working, that no school is obliged to work in one prescribed way.

In presenting the reports of the Bible Schools in this Yearly Meeting, we can only touch upon the work that has been done. But as the reports have come to your Superintendent, they have told of loyalty, courage and sincere interest. Is it not inspiring to know that we have in our midst, though advanced in years, those who are still making an effort to gather a class for the study of the Word?

We have fifty-eight schools, with a membership of 3,257. These schools have collected $1,292.30; of this amount $535.80 has been used for missionary purposes.

Home Department.—One school reports that they have taken up the work this year, making five schools engaged in this work, and the Superintendent writes: "A grand thing for country schools. We do not know what the result will be, if we can induce people in their homes to become more familiar with the Word."

Primary Department.—More attention should be given to this department. We have 443 children under our care in this grade. There are so many bright things to attract the children that it seems as if we might use some of them to gather the little ones into our schools. I fear but a few of our schools have separate rooms for the children. Won't you remedy this evil as rapidly as possible? Children like to repeat in concert, to have an exercise all their own, which cannot be done successfully in a room occupied by others. The children are the hope and the inspiration of the church. Let us do what we can to gather them in.

There are 543 boys and girls in the Intermediate Grade, and what applies in some respects to the Primary applies to the Intermediate Department.

Conferences.—We have not held a Yearly Meeting Conference for several years. I think if we could hold one somewhere within the limits of Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, it would be a great benefit to these schools.

Conferences have been held within the limits of Rhode Island, Salem, Sandwich and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings.

Visitation.—The Superintendent of Falmouth Quarter has visited all but one of the schools within the limits of that Meeting. The Superintendent of Salem

Quarter has also been faithful in this respect. The other Superintendents have visited some of the schools, as they have had opportunity.

It seems to your Superintendent that the Quarterly Meetings should do as Salem Quarterly Meeting has done, viz.: Appoint as Superintendent a person who can and will visit the schools, and communicate with the Yearly Meeting Superintendent; or that we should put a person into the field who shall spend all his time and energies in visiting and building up the work. Our needs are many and they are great.

Record Books.—These have been sent to all the schools for the year. While most of the schools have improved in keeping the records, they have not reached that perfection which is desirable.

Library Books.—There are several publishing houses which send out lists of books prepared for the Sabbath Schools, from which local committees may make selections suitable for their schools. "Six Generations of Friends in Ireland," and "Our Southern Heroes," are the titles of two books which have been added to some of our libraries. They give a very good idea to our young people of what the principle of Peace meant to the members of our Society.

It is estimated that there are about eleven and a half million children in this country between five and twenty years of age, who are not in any Sabbath School. Are we doing all that we can to gather some of these children into our schools? Think you any of these homeless ones (as far as the church is concerned) can be found in localities where we reside? God help us to so use the strength and power that He gives to us, that people may be brought to the knowledge of Jesus Christ and His Word. And so help them that they can say:

"If all the search-lights of to-day
  Flash down the historic ages,
No greater glory will be found
  Than in the Bible pages.
Brave heroes of the past stand forth,
  Each one some sin conceding:
But see the keen, white light of truth,
  Our sinless Christ revealing.

He stands in majesty divine,
  Within His face a glory
That dims the search-light's piercing rays
  And proves his life's grand story;
A life of toil, and pain, and woe,
  And kind deeds freely given.
What sacrifice was like to that
  Which bought our right to heaven?

Shall doubt or sin hide from our sight
  His face so pure and tender?
Shall earthly pride keep back the heart
  We should to Him surrender?
Take Christ to-day; the highest, best,
  In all earth's wondrous story:
He lived, He died, He rose again,
  And lives to-day in glory."

For the Committee,

MARY L. CHACE, *Superintendent.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month, 1896.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Quarterly Meeting.	Location of School.	Local Superintendent's Name and Address.	Monthly Meeting.	Membership of School.	Average Attendance.	No. of Friends.	No. of Classes.	Is Religious Interest Increasing?	Are Teacher's Meetings Held?	Volumes in Library.	Books Added through Year.	Lesson Helps Used.	Kinds of Papers Used.	Temperance Lessons.	Peace Lessons.	Is Children's Day Observed?	Amount of Collection.	Months of School.
Rhode Island.	Portsmouth	John B. Cornell, Portsmouth, R. I.	Rhode Island	56	$26\frac{1}{8}$	34	5		No		40	B	2	4		No	$16 13	4
	Newport	Josiah Albro, 48 Elm Street	Rhode Island	70	34	18	6		No	212	6	D, H, I	2	3	1	No	56 09	12
	Saylesville	Joseph H. Atwater, Providence, R. I.	Providence	96	55	45	5	Yes	No	160		H	1	1	No	No	31 82	12
	Providence	Robert P. Gifford, Providence, R. I.	Providence	21	10	19	2		No	110	0	C	1	No	No	No	15 00	10
	Somerset	Ralph Earl, Dighton, Mass.	Swansea	105	$55\frac{1}{2}$		9									Yes		12
	Fall River	Herbert A. Skinner, 481 Durfee Street	Swansea	107	59	54	11		Occasionally	308	2	B, D, F, G	3	4	No	No	133 35	12
	E. Greenwich	Lydia E. Drinkwater, E Greenwich, R. I.	E. Greenwich	23	10	10	2		No			A	1	2	No	No	11 25	12
		Totals		478														
Salem.	Amesbury	D. C. Maxfield, Amesbury	Amesbury	62	$33\frac{7}{16}$	51	5			250	12	A, B, K	3	No	No	No	48 96	12
	Boston	Thomas Wood, 4 Gleason St., Dorchester	Boston	97	44	62	8	Yes	Occasionally	206	3	B	4	No	No	Yes	82 31	12
	E. Lynn	Charles E. Bishop, 40 Ireson Avenue	Salem	214	124	30	20	Yes	Occasionally	293	P.D.	B, H, K	2	No	No	Yes	111 05	12
	Henniker	N. P. Buxton, Henniker, N. H.	Weare	19	10	10	2		No			L	2	1		No	12 00	
	Lawrence	Stephen Swett, Ayersvillage, Haverhill, Mass.	Boston	95	75	60	7	Yes	Monthly	300	200	A	1	4	Yes	No		12
	Lowell	Charles Kelley, Lowell, Mass.	Boston	7	6	7						A					6 93	9
	Lynn	George C. Herbert, 17 Chatham St., Lynn, Mass.	Salem	120	71	55	13		Occasionally	875	27	B	1	1		Yes	90 92	12
	N. Weare	Alfred Osborne, No. Weare, N. H.	Weare	37		37	4		No	500		B	1	4	No	No	13 42	12
	Salem	George H. Jones, 85 Highland Ave., Salem	Salem	30	16	26	2		No			A	4	4		No	18 50	12
	S. Pittsfield	A. N. Peaslee, So. Pittsfield, N. H.	Amesbury	52	21	14	4	Yes	No	161	3	B	2	3	No	No	21 70	9
	Epping	Moses O. Nichols, West Epping, N. H.	Amesbury	10	7	9				100	3							12
	Clinton Grove	Annie S. Breed, Clinton Grove, N. H.	Weare	14	13	3	2			200	2	A	1	4	No	No		12
		Totals		757														

STATISTICAL REPORT.—*Continued.*

Quarterly Meeting.	Location of School.	Local Superintendent's Name and Address.	Monthly Meeting.	Membership of School.	Average Attendance.	No. of Friends.	No. of Classes.	Is Religious Interest Increasing?	Are Teacher's Meetings Held?	Volumes in Library.	Books Added through Year.	Lesson Helps Used.	Kinds of Papers Used.	Temperance Lessons.	Peace Lessons.	Is Children's Day Observed?	Amount of Collection.	Months of School.
Sandwich.	Allen's Neck	Henry A. Allen, Dartmouth, Mass.	Dartmouth	98	47	25	10		Yearly			B	2	No	No	No	39 13	12
	Smith's Neck	Elbridge L. Faunce, S. Dartmouth, Mass.	Dartmouth	57	29	19	6		No			H	2	2	No	No	20 36	11
	Central Village	John A. Macomber, Central Village, Mass.	Westport	49	27½	36	5		No				1				30 91	12
	Wayside Mission	Mary E. Gifford, Central Village, Mass.	Westport	52	28	3	5		No			B						11
	Long Plain	Richard Davis, Long Plain, Mass.	New Bedford	48	22¾	29	3	Yes	No	420	36	A	4	No	No	No	23 75	12
	Acushnet	Adelaide V. Wilbur, Acushnet, Mass.	New Bedford	9	7	1	1		No	150		A	4	4	No	No	5 00	12
	New Bedford	N. W. Gifford, New Bedford, Mass.	New Bedford	156	63	12	12		No	500	70–75	C, B	2	4	No	No	14 50	10
	Mattapoisett	Joshua L. Macomber, E. Mattapoisett	New Bedford	25	17	8	3		Monthly	586	60	A	5	12	No	No		9
		Totals		494														
Falmouth.	Casco	S. A. Hall, Casco, Me.	Windham	17	10$\frac{1}{7}$	10	2		No	74	2	A, B		4		No	4 80	12
	Deering	Wm. I. Hacker, Westbrook, Me.	Falmouth	24	15	20	3		No	195	1	B, C	3	No	No	No		12
	E. Durham	Mahlon D. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.	Durham	56	34	14	5		No	175		B					19 52	12
	Lewiston	J. B. Holder, Lewiston, Me.	Lewiston	78	59½	75	10			225		A				Yes	70 42	12
	Portland	Fred C. Dearborn, 44 Winter St., Portland	Falmouth	91	64		8			304	12	A, G		1	No		139 76	12
	S. Durham	Henry Snow, South Durham	Durham	88	43	54	7		Weekly	218	81	B		4	No	Yes	43 84	12
	Windham	L. H. Jones, Windham, Me.	Windham	53								A	3			No	18 05	12
		Totals		407														
Smithfield.	Bolton	Alfred Dow, Bolton, Mass.	Bolton	65	39¼	40	6			319	40	C	4	Yes	Yes	No	32 18	12
	Worcester	D. Marshal Babcock, 11 Court Street	Uxbridge	45	34	42	4		No	353	26	A	4	No	No	No	107 66	12
	Northbridge	Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge	Uxbridge	26	12¾	6	3		No	150	1	A	4	4	No	No	11 97	11
	Woonsocket	James S. Read, Woonsocket, R. I.	Smithfield	181	79	45	10		No	474	34	A	3	3	1	No	119 40	12
		Totals		317														

Vassalboro.	LakeView, China	George E. Roberts, China, Me.	China	58	27	25	4	Yes	No	64		B				Yes	15 07	12
	E. Vassalboro	Eliza F. Butterfield, E. Vassalboro	Vassalboro	58	29		4					B		4			8 04	12
	Maple Grove			25	20													
	South China	Emma Plaisted ,S. China	China	48	31¾		4			130	25	A	1	5	2	Yes	17 67	3
	Unity	E. M. Jones, Unity, Me.	Unity	30	23	5	3					H	1				2 00	12
	West China	Chas. W. Jones, China, Me.	China	20		19	2									No	1 56	6
		Totals		239														
Dover.	Dover	Clarence I. Pinkham, Dover, N. H.	Dover	38	25	33	3		No	250	1	A	1		1	No	27 34	12
	Gonic	C. E. Peaslee, Gonic, N H.	Dover	37	24	24	3		No	195		B	1				89 06	12
	N. Berwick	Wm. T. Hussey, N. Berwick, Me.	Berwick	8		7	1											
	Meaderboro	Otis Meader, Rochester, N. H.	Dover	43	15	25	3		No			H	2	No	No	No	9 23	9
		Totals		126														
Fairfield.	Augusta	James Plummer, Winthrop St., Augusta	Winthrop	59	35	9	5		No			B	3	4	No	Yes	25 31	
	Hallowell	Geo. F. Morse, Hallowell, Me	Manchester	25			4		No	25		A	1	No	No	No	6 59	9
	Manchester	A. W Hawkes, Manchester, Me.	Winthrop	53	35	22	4		No	80		B	3	4	No	No	62 96	12
	N. Fairfield	Geo. B. Wing, No. Fairfield, Me.	Sidney	35	22	16	4		No	150		B					9 84	12
	Centre Sidney	William A. Hope, West Sidney	Sidney	37		11	4		No	50						Yes		12
	St. Albans	Jesse W. Chandler, St. Albans, Me.	St. Albans	38	20	33	4		No			A	3	3	No	No	5 00	12
	Winthrop Centre	Charles I. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.	Winthrop	154	82		11		Weekly	400		B		4	No	No		12
	W. Gardiner	John Pinkham, West Gardiner	Winthrop	43	28	18	5		No			B	1				15 41	12
		Totals		344														
Parsonsfield.	E. Parsonsfield	Silas H. Cartland, E. Parsonsfield, Me.	Parsonsfield	48	35	33	5		No	282	22	A	4	4	No	No	13 12	12
	N. Sandwich	Cornelius Turner, N. Sandwich, N. H.	Sandwich	47	22	28	3		No	162	20	A	2	4	No	No	11 92	12
		Totals		95														
		Total membership		3257													1292 30	

Key to Lesson Helps.—A, Friends' Publications. B, Peloubet's. C, Sunday School Times. D, Hunt & Eaton. E, Scholar's Magazines. F, Lesson Cards. G, Mrs, Kennedy. H, David Cook's Publication. K, Blakslee.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS FOR NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, IN ACCOUNT WITH MARIANNA GIFFORD, TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Contributions from Monthly Meetings	$96 00
From seventeen Bible Schools in payment for Record Books	7 65
Gross Receipts	$103 56
Balance from last year	39 59
	$143 15

EXPENDITURES.

Postage and Stationery	$6 85
Leaflets	1 12
Balance now on hand	135 38
	$143 15

Respectfully submitted,

MARIANNA GIFFORD,

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 13, 1896. *Treasurer of Committee.*

33. The report on Freedmen has been read and accepted. The proposition for an appropriation is referred to the Finance Committee. The difficulties under which the Committee have labored have claimed our sympathy.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Maryville School has continued under the same management as that of recent years, with an average attendance per day of 83 pupils in the Fall Term and 151 in the Spring Term.

The number of students receiving aid from the George Sturge Fund in the Fall Term was 33, and in the Spring Term 57.

We are thankful for the blessed work of the Holy Spirit, which, the Principal writes, has never been more sensibly near than in the past school year. And we would record our appreciation of L. H. Garner's self-sacrificing labors in the care of the Institution.

With the Yearly Meeting's usual appropriation of five hundred ($500) dollars and the earnest hope that voluntary contributions will not fall short of three hundred ($300) dollars, the committee has arranged with the Principal for another school year.

After this we do not think it will be possible to hold the property and carry on the work unless the investments held by the Trustees shall have become of sufficient value to afford an income.

We earnestly pray that the blessing of our Heavenly Father may rest upon this part of His heritage and that this Institution, which seems to us such a favorable situation for practical aid to the descendants of Freedmen, may be spared to our Yearly Meeting for blessed service in future years.

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Secretary.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Donation for Repairs Account	$50 00
Yearly Meeting Loan	1,000 00
Yearly Meeting Appropriation	500 00
Contribution from Monthly Meetings	186 76
Augustine Jones, Trustee of the George Sturge Fund	1,450 33
" " " for H. Camp Fund	60 00
" " " for B. F. Knowles Fund	9 00
	$3,256 09

EXPENDITURES.

Paid L. H. Garner, Principal, on Wages Account of Years 1895 and 1896	$1,000 00
Paid the same for Wages on Account, 1895 and 1896	755 76
Paid on Repairs Account	50 00
Paid for Aid to Students on G. Sturge Fund	1,450 33
	$3,256 09

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREEDMAN'S NORMAL INSTITUTE, MARYVILLE, TENN., FOR THE YEAR 1895-6.

Number of days taught	190
Number enrolled	243
Per cent. of attendance	84.7
Number of boarders in the building	78
Number of teachers in the Training Class	123
Number graduating in the Elementary Course	8

In presenting this Report we realize the importance of the work committed to us, and with thankfulness acknowledge the guidance and loving care of the Father of all, who has given us strength and support in carrying it forward; and especially grateful are we for the encouragement received in being permitted to see the gathering of so many into the Fold, and for the earnestness shown by the students in Christian work.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. GARNER, *Principal.*

34. The report of the Trustees of the George Sturge, B. F. Knowles and Henry Camp Funds has been read and approved.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE STURGE, BENJAMIN F. KNOWLES AND HENRY CAMP FUNDS.

Financial Statement.

GEORGE STURGE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$6 83
Coupons paid Seventh Month, 1st	727 50
Coupons paid First Month, 1st	727 50
Interest on Deposits	17 25
	$1,479 08

EXPENDITURES.

Assisting Students, Fall Term, 1895	$374 78
Assisting Students, Spring Term, 1896	1,075 55
Rent of Box in Rhode Island Safe Deposit	10 00
Balance for New Account	18 75
	$1,479 08

BENJAMIN F. KNOWLES FUND.

RECEIPTS.

To dividend 59, Willimantic Linen Company	$4 50
" " 60, Willimantic Linen Company	4 50
	$9 00

EXPENDITURES.

Third Month 8th, 1896. Paid Freedmen's Committee	$9 00

HENRY CAMP FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Interest on Mortgage for $1,000	$60 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Committee on Freedmen, Third Month 6th, 1896	$30 00
" " " Fifth Month 23d, 1896	30 00
	$60 00

AUGUSTINE JONES,
SAMUEL R. BUFFINTON.

Sixth Month 12th, 1896,

35. The Representatives presented to the Meeting the following recommendation, viz.:

1. We recommend that in future, removal certificates in favor of members of other Yearly Meetings as Elders, shall not confer upon such members the station of Elder in this Yearly Meeting.

2. We have considered the request of Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, on the subject of modifying the privileges of birthright membership, and are united in recommending that no change be made in the Discipline, but desire to urge upon Friends the importance of watching over our young people in order to bring them to Christ in their early years, under the provisions of our Discipline as now existing.

OWEN DAME, *Clerk.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 15th, 1896.

Item No. 1 was approved.

Item No. 2, claiming our further attention, it is now concluded to refer the subject to the Representative Meeting.

The Nominating Committee presented the names of Friends for the following committees, viz.: Gospel work, Suppression of Liquor Traffic, all of which are approved and confirmed.

(*The following Report should have been inserted with Minute 26, Page 36.*)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SUPPRESSION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS.

Dear Friends:—Your committee, in retrospect of the year's work now drawing to a close, feel to thank our Heavenly Father for the time and opportunity and means He has granted us of doing what we have done for the advancement of His kingdom in the earth. The liquor traffic now presents the greatest obstacle in the path of Christian progress. It is the source of at least 90 per cent. of all crime, misery, poverty and pauperism. It is an organized evil to perpetuate its own existence by influencing our legislation and by every means it can command, corrupt and corrupting, to secure its ends. It is sapping the foundations of the home and of society, and threatens the perpetuity of our national government.

Christian principle and patriotism impel us to action by every means a good Providence puts in our power to avert the evils of this traffic, by both moral conviction and legal prohibition. To this end your committee, so far as reported, has distributed over thirty thousand pages of literature the past year in leaflets and books, mostly relating to the subject of our appointment. Of this amount thirteen thousand passed through the hands of our Superintendent of Literature, Mary Almy Chase.

Most of our Bible Schools, we believe, take up monthly a temperance Bible lesson. Our ministers do not omit to preach the gospel of temperance. Our Christian Endeavor Societies also have this as a special subject before them in many of their prayer and business meetings, and some of them have a temperance committee which reports monthly.

There is reported $83.00 expended by Hannah J. Bailey, for lectures on this subject.

Lucy A. Snow reports thirty meetings held by her in the interests of this work, seven of them in evangelical churches of other denominations, with the active co-operation of their pastors. She notes some remarkable cases of blessing in deliverance from the bondage of appetite; also of men who were made willing to leave party for Christ, and to consecrate that mighty weapon, a free man's ballot, to the service of God. There have also been held in New Bedford, Saylesville and probably in other places, in Friends' meeting-houses and under the care of members of the Committee on Temperance, meetings and addresses delivered by speakers of national reputation.

We rejoice to recognize in the cause of Christian citizenship a helping hand, and that many pastors, ministers and Christian Endeavor Societies, are bringing this subject to the front, and this is one of the hopeful signs of the times.

It may be remembered that two years ago, at the suggestion of your committee, a memorial to Congress was prepared and signed by your Clerks, as well as by some other of our Yearly Meetings, asking Congress to appoint a Commission of Inquiry in regard to the effects of the liquor traffic on our national prosperity. The memorial was presented, referred and favorably reported upon, but strange to say no appropriation was made to defray expenses. It has, however, again been presented, referred and recommended by the committee, and they also recommended an appropriation of ten thousand dollars to defray expenses, but Congress has adjourned without acting upon it. Let us still trust the day is not far distant when there will issue from official national sources very valuable and fresh evidence of the blighting and destructive influence of this traffic on the peace and prosperity of our country.

It seems right, in conclusion, to refer to the removal by death of our beloved co-worker and Secretary, Ella L. Andrews. In the Providence of God she has been early called from works to reward; called, we humbly trust, to be forever with Jesus.

Signed in behalf of the Committee by

JOSEPH H. ATWATER, *Clerk Pro tem.*

P. S. Your Committee would request the usual appropriation for its use.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

Received Collection at Portland	$19 25	
" Monthly Meeting Treasurers	121 32	
" New Bedford Treasurer	2 50	
" Boston Treasurer	39	
		$143 46

EXPENDITURES.

Paid on account of Literature	$34 10	
Paid on account of Lectures	83 00	
Balance on hand	26 36	
		$143 46

Respectfully submitted,

ELISHA T. READ, *Treasurer.*

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Sixth Month 12th, 1896.

NOTE.—For a detailed statement of receipts from Monthly Meetings, see report of the Financial Secretary.

THIRD-DAY MORNING 16TH.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

36. The Committee on Foreign Missions request that the sum of $2,000 be raised by collections from Monthly Meetings for its use the ensuing year. The matter is referred to the Finance Committee.

37. The records of the Representative Meeting were read and its action approved.

38. The Representatives presented names of Friends to fill vacancies on the Representative Meeting which are satisfactory, and they are appointed.

39. The Queries, with answers summarized from answers forwarded by the Quarterly Meetings, have been read. The reading of the answers from the several Quarterly Meetings being omitted under a suspension of the rules.

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

1. Our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except some of the meetings at Nantucket, fifty in other places, and a few other exceptions noted in two Quarterly Meetings, but the number not given.

Meetings on First Day are duly attended, and generally at the hour appointed, by most of our members. The mid-week meetings are neglected by many. A considerable number of members manifest little or no interest in our Society, and seldom, if ever, attend our religious meetings.

2. Love and unity are generally maintained in seven Quarterly Meetings; in another, exceptions are noted; while in still another, there is a decided lack Detraction is mostly guarded against. Endeavors are made to end differences when they arise.

3. While we believe that most Friends are concerned to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train their children and others as queried, yet more faithfulness is needed in these particulars.

4. Our members are generally concerned to read the Holy Scriptures as queried. Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry appears to be maintained, with some exceptions, in three Quarterly Meetings.

5. In two Quarterly Meetings Friends wholly abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, thirteen exceptions are definitely reported in five Quarterly Meetings, while two others give no exact statement. Not wholly clear as to amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character.

6. Care is taken to relieve and assist the poor and to educate their children.

7. Most Friends maintain our testimony in military matters, there is greater laxity in the use of oaths, while one Quarterly Meeting reports deficiency in giving a clear inventory for public taxation.

8. With a few exceptions we believe Friends inspect their affairs, settle their accounts, are punctual in the fulfillment of their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9. Records are correctly kept. Some removals without certificates.

10. The Discipline is administered in Christian tenderness and impartially, but not always as timely as would be desirable.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

The state of society as revealed in the answers which we believe to have been given with regard to absolute correctness, has brought the meeting into thoughtful exercise. Our duty to God in the family, as asked for in the fourth query, has been especially dwelt upon The home is the proper starting point, and nothing tells more in after years than the influences that go to the moulding of young lives in the home. No greater safeguard can we throw around our boys and girls as they go out from us to other and unknown environments, than the habit of daily reading and study of the scriptures and the observance of stated time for devotion. Let the home be a shrine to which the young man in his school and in his business life can look back and receive strength for a steadfast trust in the God of his fathers.

Let our hands be clean in this matter.

The love of the brethren is an essential to Christian influence. The attendance of our meetings for worship is a duty that no one questions, but it is quite as important for us to question ourselves *how* we attend them, as whether we attend them at all. There must be life in the singular, if there is to be life in the aggregate. Worship in the family is a reasonable preparation for worship in the meeting. Let the meeting be made up of souls filled with love to God and love to men, souls ready for any service, susceptible alike to constraint and restraint, and the questions of method and form will become very simple. The central impelling idea of worship is love. A love like the Master's. A love that is ready to make sacrifice. A love that will lead us to trust each other even upon points where individual opinions may differ. There is a blessed Christian unity infinitely deeper and fuller than any mere uniformity.

Again, love leaves no room for detraction. One may do harm to the reputation of a brother, may do harm to the reputation of the church by a thoughtless word or even with silence, when a word is needed. Let us be careful how we indulge in criticisms of the church; dwelling upon her weaknesses and her imperfections. It is vastly easier to call attention to the errors of the church or of our fellows than to demonstrate to men what a clean Christian life should be. Let us be loyal to the church,—true to the principles for which she stands,—find the place which God appoints for us, and cheerfully, lovingly, devotedly, seek to fill it.

The gospel of our Lord is something in which we all have a share, and in it, as in other things, we are to bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. The spirit of our God, known as a blessed reality in every heart, will solve the problems of life and make clear our paths.

40. The Nominating Committee presented names of Friends to fill vacancies on the Committee on Bible Schools and Freedmen. Anna M. Hussey is released from service on the Freedmen's Committee, at her own request.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

41. We appoint John F. Chase and others to present to this meeting the names of three men Friends, to constitute a board of Trustees of the endowment funds belonging to Oak Grove School.

42. The report of the Committee to disburse the income of the H. H. Mosher Fund has been read and approved.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISBURSEMENT OF THE INCOME OF THE H. H. MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee report that one hundred copies of "Southern Heroes," by Fernando G. Cartland, ordered by last year's committee, were received and distributed during the year. More than three hundred copies of the "American Friend," and fifty copies of the "Friends' Missionary Advocate," have been subscribed for.

On account of the small balance in the Treasurer's hands at the beginning of the year, it seemed as if the subscriptions to the "Friend" and the "Advocate" would so nearly take up the money known to be at the disposal of the Committee, that little else could be done at present. About the middle of the year, some of the interest so long delayed, coming into the hands of the Treasurer, the "Life of Elizabeth Comstock" was examined, and one hundred copies ordered. The supply in this country was then exhausted, and the English publishers delayed in sending them, so they have just been received, and will be distributed as soon as possible.

HENRY H. GODDARD, *Chairman.*
DEBORAH P. ATHERTON, *Secretary.*

Newport, R. I., Sixth Month 13th, 1896.

H. H. MOSHER FUND.

Treasurer's Account.

Balance from former account		$22 31
Received from Owen Dame, Trustee		791 52
		$813 83
EXPENDITURES.		
305 copies American Friend	$411 75	
50 copies Missionary Advocate	25 00	
109 copies Life and Letters of Elizabeth Comstock, with postage and express on same	128 93	
Freight and express on "Southern Heroes," etc.	8 20	
		573 88
Balance on hand		$239 95

J. E. PAIGE, *Treasurer.*

Lynn, Sixth Month 9th, 1896.

43. The report of the Trustees of the Mosher Fund has been read and approved, viz.:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Funds in our hands are as follows: —

City of Boston Registered Gold 5 per cent. Bond	$10,000 00
New Bedford Institution for Savings Book	1,078 65
Lynn Institution for Savings Book	2,550 00
	$13,628 65
We have received interest from the City of Boston	$500 00
And interest from Lynn Institution for Savings	104 72
Total	$604 72
And we have paid to J. E. Paige, Treasurer of the Committee, to disburse the income of this Fund	$791 52

For the Trustees,
OWEN DAME,
OLNEY T. MEADER.

Lynn, Mass., Sixth Month 8th, 1896.

44. The answers to the queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a Minute of that meeting, have been read and are as follows: —

SUMMARY ANSWERS TO QUERIES OF THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

1. We are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of our families, with a little exception.

2. With some exception we are in unity with one another and with the meetings to which we belong, harmoniously laboring to gather to Christ.

3. We believe our members frequently search the Holy Scriptures and prayerfully seek a right understanding of them, and are careful not to misquote or misapply.

MINUTE OF THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

We have deeply felt, at this time, that we need to utilize all the opportunities of life and all the manifestations of Divine power to equip our members for definite, positive service in the vineyard of the Lord. The influence of our ministry must not be limited to our own members; our sphere is to be bounded only by the limits of the globe.

There can be no adequate power in gathering souls to the Savior until we are permeated with love and bound together in vital unity. We must be so joined in spirit through our love to our common Master that we can work successfully with those who honestly think differently from ourselves. The higher we rise in the scale of life the greater the variety, and our main concern as Christians should be to be so fully consecrated in heart and purpose that spiritual unity shall swallow up the external variety.

A new spirit would spread through every community represented here, if each individual would return home and study the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians until its wonderful truths have become a veritable part of the life and thought; until this supreme gift is received in fulness.

The great question is an individual one, what am I personally doing to uplift Christ and to help those about me to see Him and come under His sway; and every effort put forth to extend His rule over human hearts re-acts upon the faithful servant, for no one can water without being watered also himself.

We were reminded that we need not only channels but also living power to make the channels effective. It is not simply machinery which we labor to build up or to keep up. We need power enough to make every bit of necessary machinery we have, accomplish something.

The machinery needs adjusting. Each individual needs to be adjusted by the Head of the Church so that he can work effectively with all other laborers, and also adjusted to temperature, going neither too fast nor too slow, but precisely as the Spirit of the Lord directs.

The headquarters of the church nowadays is in the field; its place is whereever it is needed, and it cannot exist by withdrawing into a stronghold apart from the world and by defending itself from attack. Its power increases as it occupies the field.

There is, however, the greatest need of simple, sincere, tongue-guarded, daily living, both among those who are saved, and among those who may be most seriously affected by any carelessness of life or word by any professed follower of the Lord. Whether in the family or in the fields of service, we must abide in Christ, and have Him the constant guest of the soul—He in us, and we in Him.

Power is always a consequence of the right relation between the soul and Him, and it cannot be gained until the relation is made a living, spiritual one. God always does His part, if there is any failure, it is on our part.

RUFUS M. JONES, *Clerk.*

45. The Committee on Peace have presented their annual report, which is satisfactory.

We rejoice in the growth of public sentiment in favor of Peace and Arbitration, as well as the escape of our country from threatened war. Persistent, patient work will long be needed in this cause so dear to the heart of every Friend, and so essential to good government.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Peace have employed such means as they had in hand, in assisting public speakers and in enlarging the circulation of the Advocate of Peace. By our direction, thirty-two lectures have been given. Besides this some sermons and instructive talks by ministers have resulted from information afforded them by us. We have tried to embrace opportunities for enlightening the young as to the utter inconsistency of the war spirit with true Christian character, and to show that a special duty rests upon our generation of supplanting this darkening spirit of the past with the nobler spirit of justice and love. But what the Committee has done seems entirely insignificant when compared with the magnitude of the subject, and the greatness of the coming good to mankind through the adoption of peace principles.

We have, however, observed with deep thankfulness the rapid and providential progress now making towards the establishment of a permanent system of international justice by arbitration and reason. This movement has within it some of the strongest minds in our country among preachers, educators, jurists and statesmen. Newspapers of the widest circulation, both secular and religious, are giving their readers pure and wholesome reading upon this subject: a subject which their editors regard as of the greatest importance in connection with the future welfare of our country.

The notable conference lately held at Washington, as well as that which meets yearly at Lake Mohonk, in both of which members of our Yearly Meeting have participated, will no doubt be powerful and far reaching in their beneficent influence. The report of their discussions, addresses and resolutions, ought to be widely read.

The good thoughts concerning international peace and good-will, which are now being put forth, seem like the blossoming of the plant which for two centuries our fathers in the church have tried hard to cultivate and train.

One of the speakers at the Washington Conference said his only hope for the successful carrying out of the objects of the Conference lies in the development or evolution of an international *conscience.*

Let us be thankful that our mothers implanted within us a conscience which is radical and tender in connection with war and all its accessories; and that our discipline and history have had a part in its education. Standing upon the foundation of a good conscience we may well advance our standard and broaden our view. With proper respect for the past, we will do well to keep in touch and sympathy with the noble minds who in the *present* are carrying forward this reform among the nations, which is so intimately connected with the advance of the Redeemer's kingdom.

B. F. TRUEBLOOD, *Chairman.*
SAMUEL BUFFUM, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

RECEIPTS.		
Balance from Last Year	$30 08	
Received from Amesbury Monthly Meeting	5 00	
“ Salem “	10 00	
“ Winthrop “	4 00	
“ Uxbridge “	6 00	
“ Boston “	7 38	
“ Smithfield “	1 55	
“ Weare “	11 00	
“ Westport “	10 00	
“ Berwick “	10 00	
“ Swansea “	2 42	
“ Dartmouth “	1 00	
“ Providence “	5 50	
“ Rhode Island “	5 00	
“ New Bedford “	1 25	
		$108 18
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid Hannah J. Bailey	$60 00	
Paid American Peace Society	43 00	
Paid Protested Check, Winthrop Monthly Meeting	1 58	
		$104 58
Balance on hand		$3 60

THOMAS WOOD, *Treasurer.*

46. An epistle to Dublin Yearly Meeting has been read and approved.

47. The annual report of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been read.

Our young people, who are the church of the future, are in training for valuable service, and we wish them encouragement.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

To the New England Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:—In reviewing the work of Christian Endeavor in New England for the past year, we have been greatly encouraged. We felt for a time that very little was being accomplished, but the statistical report shows results that we had least expected, and for which we feel to praise our Heavenly Father.

There has been no material growth in number of societies, for while two new ones have been formed two also have been discontinued, but without the addition one or more new societies would give, there is an increase of 72 active with a slight decrease of associate members, which we are glad to see, for the fewer associate members we have in our societies the better. Twenty-one associate members have become active, which shows that much prayerful work has been done.

There is an increase over last year of 17 in the number who have become Friends.

We are glad to note that the Juniors are doing a good work — $8.89 is reported as having been raised by them for Mission work. We trust the number of Junior Societies will greatly increase, for if the children are early taught in Endeavor work, they appreciate it greatly in later years.

As we consider the wonderful leading and guiding of our Heavenly Father, we are filled with deep gratitude, and also with a greater enthusiasm than ever before to do more effectual work for Him, and our earnest prayer is that His richest blessing may attend the efforts of Endeavorers all over the land.

Respectfully for the Union,

HARRIET E. MacLEAN, *President.*
MARY A. CROSMAN, *Secretary.*

48. A communication from a Committee of Kansas Yearly Meeting has been read, and is referred to the Representative Meeting.

49. Nominations for vacancies on the Committees on Peace and on Income of Mosher Fund have been confirmed.

Adjourned to meet in separate session to-morrow morning; Women's Meeting at 9 o'clock. Men's Meeting at 10 o'clock.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING 17TH.

Met pursuant to adjournment in separate session.

After informal consideration of various subjects, resumed in joint session.

50. The subject of simplyfying and abbreviating our records being brought to our attention, the matter is referred to the Representative Meeting for its consideration.

51. The Auditing Committee presented their report, which is satisfactory. We appoint Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year; James H. Chace for Treasurer of Providence School Funds, and Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer of Oak Grove School.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the Yearly Meeting:

RECEIPTS.

Balance last year	$1,122 51
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	550 00
Salem “	450 00
Sandwich “	500 00
Falmouth “	212 50
Smithfield “	150 00
Vassalboro “	137 50
Dover “	150 00
Fairfield “	300 00
Parsonsfield “	50 00
Cash from Loans on Demand	3,000 00
Cash from Sarah H. Henley Legacy	600 00
Sales of Books of Discipline	22 70
Interest and Dividends	84 74
	$7,329 95

EXPENDITURES.

Yearly Meeting Expenses 1895		$477 20
Rent of Safe Deposit Box		5 00
Paid Committee on Freedmen		1,000 00
Printing Reports of Iowa Educational Conference		25 00
Loans Returned		2,000 00
Insurance on Maryville Property		211 10
Insurance on Newport Meeting House		48 75
Printing, Stationery and Copying		515 87
Interest Paid on Loan	$30 75	
Interest Paid on Loan	23 75	
Interest Paid on Loan	40 00	
		94 50
Interest on Oak Grove Note		50 00
Repairs on Newport Meeting House		79 55
Incidentals		14 70
Paid Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs		525 00
Paid Finance Committee Expenses		13 00
Paid on Oak Grove Note (Balance now due $500)		500 00
Paid on Portland Loan Account (Balance now due $1,750)		250 00
Paid Committee on Freedmen Appropriation		500 00
Balance in Treasurer's Hands		1,020 28
		$7,329 95

Note:—Of this balance ($1,020.28), the sum of six hundred dollars is held for account of Sarah H. Henley legacy to Foreign Missions, leaving net balance available for Yearly Meeting use four hundred twenty dollars and twenty-eight cents.

52. The Finance Committee have made the following recommendations which are approved, and the appropriations made.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.—APPROPRIATIONS.

The Finance Committee recommend that $3,000 be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting for the ensuing year. They also recommend the following appropriations from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting :—

For Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	$525 00
Principal and Interest Oak Grove Note	525 00
Freedmen (Maryville Institute)	500 00
Portland Meeting House Note and Interest	320 00
Expenses Finance Committee	50 00
	$1,920 00

OWEN DAME, *Chairman.*
DEBORAH P. ATHERTON, *Secretary.*

Our Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay their respective proportions of the sum called for, $3,000, to our Treasurer, on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

53. Our Treasurer is hereby authorized to forward twenty-five copies of our Book of Discipline to St. Albans' Monthly Meeting.

54. The Committee on Correspondence have presented essays of epistles to London Yearly Meeting, to Ramallah Monthly Meeting, and an epistle addressed to all the American Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, which are approved.

They have also prepared letters to the young people, to the children, and to the sick and afflicted. The Clerks are directed to sign and forward them as proposed. Copies of the latter three are to be bound and sent out with the printed Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

55. The Nominating Committee presented names for vacancies on the Committee of Arrangements, which are approved.

56. Nominations presented by the Women's Meeting for a Committee on Purity have been approved. (See Women's Minutes.)

57. The subject of a revision of our Discipline having claimed our thought, our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint two Friends from each of their Meetings to serve on a Committee of this Meeting, should it decide to appoint one next year, for the purpose named.

58. The Committee for that purpose propose for Trustees of the Endowment Funds, belonging to Oak Grove School, Charles M. Bailey, John J. Frye, C. Irving Bailey. The nominations are approved, and they are appointed to that service.

59. The Committee on returning Minutes presented the following for David Tatum, "David Tatum acceptably attended this Meeting," and recommend that similar ones be furnished to George Wood, William L. Wilson, Mary J. Weaver, Robert W. Douglas, J. Walter Malone, Matilda W. Atkinson, Richard Haworth, Susie N. Fitkin and Abram L. Fitkin. The Minute is approved by this Meeting, and the Clerks are directed to furnish each with a copy of the same, signed on our behalf.

60. The Women's Meeting request that a separate session for women Friends be provided for on Fourth-day of Yearly Meeting week, which is approved.

61. It is concluded that the Yearly Meeting be held alternately at Newport and Portland, until a change seems necessary.

62. We cheerfully and most thankfully acknowledge that during the sessions of this Yearly Meeting the presence of our Lord and Master has been sensibly felt, and that in all our deliberations there has been a precious feeling of brotherly love and harmony. We now adjourn, to meet in joint session in Portland, Maine, at the established time in next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed in, and on behalf of the Meeting,

JOHN ELLWOOD PAIGE, } *Clerks.*
ALICE W. MAXFIELD, }

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

For One Year.

Phebe S. Aydelott	Fall River, Mass.
Daniel C. Maxfield	Amesbury, Mass.
John B. Baylies	New Bedford, Mass.
John J. Frye	Portland, Me.
Deborah P. Atherton	Uxbridge, Mass.
Annie M. Ray	South China, Me.
William P. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Me.
Lydia A. Cartland	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Levi Jones	Winthrop, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Salome C. Wheeler	Uxbridge, Mass.
John S. Kimber	Newport, R. I.
Melissa S. Dearborn	East Parsonsfield, Me.
J. Hacker Hall	Windham Center, Me.
Olney T. Meader	Boston, Mass.

For Two Years.

Samuel R. Buffinton	Fall River, Mass.
Lucy T. Herbert	17 Chatham Street, Lynn, Mass.
Susan F. Hoxie	Sandwich, Mass.
Ezra Hawkes	Portland, Me.
Isaac Steere	Harrisville, R. I.
Henry H. Goddard	Vassalboro, Me.
Timothy B. Hussey	North Berwick, Me.
I. Warren Hawkes	Manchester, Me.
Silas H. Cartland	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Sarah J. Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Joseph E. Briggs	Winthrop Center, Me.
Anna G. Wood	New Bedford, Mass.
Joseph D. Wood	215 State Street, Boston, Mass.
Elizabeth K. Jones	South China, Me.
Philip A. Cornell	South Dartmouth, Mass.
George L. Crosman	Lynn, Mass.

For Three Years.

Augustine Jones	Providence, R. I.
Owen Dame	Lynn, Mass.
Elizabeth A. Gifford	Adamsville, R. I.
Myra E. Frye	Woodfords, Me.
Daniel Wheeler	Uxbridge, Mass.

Eliza P. Pierce	East Vassalboro, Me.
Lydia M. C. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Mary W. Jones	Winthrop Center, Me.
John B. Cartland	North Sandwich, N. H.
Lewis M. Douglas	Portland, Me.
William Thompson	New Bedford, Mass.
D. Wheeler Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Jesse McPherson	Winthrop Centre, Me.
William O. Newhall	Lynn, Mass.
Charles H. Thorndike	Concord, N. H.
Susan T. Thompson	New Bedford, Mass.

PROVIDENCE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For One Year.

I. Warren Hawkes.
William O. Newhall.
Daniel C. Maxfield.
Charles A. Chace.
Olney T. Meader.
Charles Sisson.

Ruth S. Murray.
Alice W. Maxfield.
Emily M. Jones.
Elizabeth H. Newhall.
Sarah Marble.
Susan Peckham.

For Two Years.

Edward T. Tucker.
Joshua L. Macomber.
John J. Frye.
Charles E. Cobb.
Thomas Wood.
Barker Newhall.

Bessie T. Wing.
S. Caroline Tobey.
Mary A. Crosman.
M. Augusta Battey.
Martha Hoag, of Boston
Rufus M. Jones.

For Three Years.

John Shober Kimber.
Samuel R. Buffinton.
James H. Chace.
Peter M. Neal.
Samuel Buffum.
Robert P. Gifford.

Rachel S. Howland.
Ellen K. Buffum.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Anna G. Wood.
Deborah W. Crosman.
Deborah P. Atherton.

Real Estate Committee.

For One Year.

Olney T. Meader.
Robert P. Gifford.

For Two Years.

Charles Sisson.
Thomas Wood.

For Three Years.

James H. Chace.
Samuel R. Buffinton.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Chairman—George A. Barton, Bryn Mawr, Pa.
Secretary—Anna F. Hall, Windham Center, Me.
Treasurer—John Ellwood Paige, Lynn, Mass.

For One Year.

Myra E. Frye.
John Ellwood Paige.
Ruth S. Murray.

For Two Years.

Gertrude W. Cartland.
Sarah Marble.
Wilmot R. Jones.

For Three Years.

George A. Barton.
Rufus M. Jones.
Anna F. Hall.

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

Chairman—Benjamin F. Trueblood, 3 Somerset Street, Boston, Mass.
Treasurer—Thomas Wood, 215 State Street, Boston, Mass.
Secretary—Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.

For One Year.

Nathaniel W. Gifford	New Bedford, Mass.
Ellen Bangs	Dover, N. H.
Mary C. Baylies	New Bedford, Mass.
Samuel R. Buffinton	Fall River, Mass.
James M. Estes	Vassalboro, Me.
George H. Farr	Lewiston, Me.

For Two Years.

Martha E. Hoag	North Sandwich, N. H.
Elizabeth K. Jones	South China, Me.
Emma A. Douglas	Portland, Me.
Sarah A. Hill	Amesbury, Mass.
Caroline Alice Jones	Providence, R. I.
Gertrude W. Cartland	Newburyport, Mass.

For Three Years.

Benjamin F. Trueblood	Boston, Mass.
Charles Sisson	Providence, R. I.
Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Silas H. Cartland	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Jennie T. Bishop	Lynn, Mass.

COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

President—Joseph H. Atwater, Saylesville, R. I.
Secretary—Mary C. Baylies, New Bedford, Mass.
Superintendent of Literature—Mary A. Chase, Manchester, N. H.
Superintendent of Lectures—Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Assistant Superintendent of Lectures—Adeline F. Chace, Fall River, Mass.
Treasurer—Elisha T. Read, Woonsocket, R. I.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Joseph H. Atwater.
Mary A. Chase.
Mary C. Baylies.
Hannah J. Bailey.

For One Year.

Mary C. Baylies	New Bedford, Mass.
Elisha T. Read	Woonsocket, R. I.
Ellison R. Purdy	Portland, Me.
Josiah B. Holder	Lewiston, Me.
Lucy A. Snow	Windham Centre, Me.
George H. Cates	East Vassalboro, Me.
Emma F. R. Goddard	Vassalboro, Me.

For Two Years.

Charles E. Peaslee	Gonic, N. H.
Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Clara W. Bowery	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Leslie O. Meader	North Sandwich, N. H.
Mary L. Cobb	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Lizzie T. Hoag	North Sandwich, N. H.

For Three Years.

Joseph H. Atwater	Saylesville, R. I.
Louisa N. Meader	Saylesville, R. I.
William Wood	Lawrence, Mass.
Mary A. Chase	Manchester, N. H.
Joshua L. Macomber	Mattapoisett, Mass.
Adeline F. Chace	Fall River, Mass.
Susan M. Seabury	New Bedford, Mass.

COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

For One Year.

Mary R. Jones.
Frank E. Jones.
Alfred H. Jones.
Henry Winslow.
Elwood A. Bailey.
Ruthanna H. Washburn.
Eliza P. Pierce.
Mary E. Taber.
Mary G. Winslow.
Elenora S. Woodman.
I. Warren Hawkes.

For Two Years.

Jesse McPherson.
George H. Cates.
William H. Douglas.
Herbert O. Jepson.
Melvin M. Bailey.

Sarah Marble.
Anna M. Priest.
Eliza B. Douglas.
Clara W. Mumford.
Lettie M. Bailey.

Rufus M. Jones.

For Three Years.

Charles M. Bailey.
C. Irving Bailey.
Mabel G. Bailey.
Joseph E. Briggs.
John J. Frye.

Sophia D. Bailey.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Ezra Hawkes.
Emma S. Briggs.
Myra E. Frye.

George L. Crosman.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Chairman—Charles H. Jones, Amesbury, Mass.
Corresponding Secretary—Ruth S. Murray, New Bedford, Mass.
Recording Secretary—Susan T. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.
Treasurer—Sarah J. Swift, 22 Oak Avenue, Worcester, Mass.

For One Year.

William Thompson.
Ruth S. Murray.
Huldah H. Leighton.

Susan T. Thompson.
Robert P. Gifford.
Olney T. Meader.

William T. Hussey.

For Two Years.

Charles H. Jones.
Henry D. Swift.
D. Wheeler Swift.

Gulielma C. Wood.
Martha E. Hoag.
Elizabeth K. Jones.

Mary W. Jones, of Winthrop Centre.

For Three Years.

Timothy B. Hussey.
Anna G. Wood.
Hannah J. Bailey.

Anna M. Hussey.
Augustine Jones.
Mary E. Kimber.

Sarah J. Swift.

COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

Chairman—William O. Newhall.
Corresponding Secretary—Myra E. Frye.
Recording Secretary—Sarah J. Swift.
Treasurer—Samuel Buffum.

Associated Executive Committee.

William O. Newhall.
Emeline H. Tuttle.
Myra E. Frye.
John S. Kimber.

For One Year.

Edward T. Tucker	New Bedford, Mass.
Sarah J. Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Lizzie M. Hawkes	Manchester, Me.
Ellen K. Buffum	Providence, R. I.
Myra E. Frye	Woodfords, Me.
Asa C. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Anna M. Gove	Seabrook, N. H.

For Two Years.

Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Emma S. Briggs	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Mary D. Collins	Hopkinton City, R. I.
Susan H. Meader	634 Warren Street, Roxbury, Mass.
Almira B. Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
John S. Kimber	Newport, R. I.
Elisha T. Read	Woonsocket, R. I.

For Three Years.

William O. Newhall	Lynn, Mass.
Mary E. Kimber	Newport, R. I.
John J. Frye	Woodfords, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Elizabeth A. Gifford	Adamsville, R. I.

Lettie M. Bailey.

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Secretary and Treasurer—Robert P. Gifford.

For One Year.

George A. Barton.
Anthony M. Kimber.

For Two Years.

Robert P. Gifford.
Hannah J. Bailey.

For Three Years.

Lewis M. Douglas.
Susan F. Hoxie.

COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

Chairman—Charles H. Jones, Amesbury, Mass.
Secretary—Harriette D. Collins, Vassalboro, Me.
Treasurer—Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Center, Me.

For One Year.

Edward G. Wood.
Martha E. Osborne.
James M. Estes.
William P. Pinkham.
Horace M. Hall.
Harriette D. Collins.
Frank E. Jones.

For Two Years.

Emeline H. Tuttle.
Ezra Hawkes.
Silas H. Cartland.
Salome C. Wheeler.
Charles H. Thorndike.
Linwood W. Jones.
Charles H. Jones.

For Three Years.

William Thompson.
Joseph E. Briggs.
William V. Ware.
Susan T. Thompson.
Eunice A. Greene.
Annie K. Knight.
George H. Farr.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

For One Year.

Charles M. Bailey.
Joseph E. Briggs.
Phebe S. Aydelott.
Benjamin F. Trueblood.

For Two Years.

Charles A. Chace.
Anna M. Gove.
George L. Crosman.
Sarah W. Newlin.

For Three Years.

Thomas Wood.
John J. Frye.
Benjamin Greene.
Melvin M. Bailey.

TRUSTEES.

Samuel Buffum, one year.
Olney T. Meader, two years.
D. Wheeler Swift, three years.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Yearly Meeting Superintendent—Mary L. Chace, 203 High St., Fall River, Mass.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

George L. Crosman . . . . Lynn, Mass.
Anna J. Goddard . . . . Deering, Me.
Sarah H. Taber, New Bedford, Mass.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents.

Rhode Island	Eunice A. Greene.
Salem	Alice W. Jones.
Sandwich	George R. Wood.
Falmouth	Lewis M. Douglas.
Smithfield	Dorcas H. Babcock.
Vassalboro	Annie M. Priest.
Fairfield	Alfred W. Hawkes.
Dover	William T. Hussey.
Parsonsfield	Emily M. Jones.

General Committee.

For One Year.

Elbridge W. Packard	Lewiston, Me.
Anna J. Goddard	91 Winter Street, Portland, Me.
Elisha T. Reed	Woonsocket, R. I.
Alice M. Dow	Bolton, Mass.
Linwood W. Jones	South China, Me.
Abby P. Jenkins	East Vassalboro, Me.

For Two Years.

Clarence I. Pinkham	Dover, N. H.
Elizabeth B. Lord	North Berwick, Me.
C. Irving Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Martha B. Osborne	Manchester, Me.
Thomas W. Hoag	North Sandwich, N. H.
Melissa S. Dearborn	East Parsonsfield, Me.

For Three Years.

Thomas J. Battey	Providence, R. I.
Marianna Gifford	Fall River, Mass.
George F. Morse	
A. Chalkley Collins	Great Barrington, Mass.
Charles E. Bishop	Lynn, Mass.
Sarah H. Taber	New Bedford, Mass.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Chairman—Owen Dame, Lynn, Mass.
Secretary—Deborah P. Atherton, Uxbridge, Mass.
Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting (*ex-officio*)—Samuel R. Buffinton.

Rhode Island, Samuel R. Buffinton, Hannah P. Ladd.
Salem, Susan H. Meader, Owen Dame.
Sandwich, J. B. Baylies, Susan F. Hoxie.
Falmouth, John J. Frye, Lucy J. Lunt.
Smithfield, D. Wheeler Swift, Deborah P. Atherton.
Vassalboro, William A. Jones, Etta S. Cates.
Dover, William P. Tuttle, Almira B. Buffum.
Fairfield, Joseph E. Briggs, Olive M. Tuttle.
Parsonsfield, Silas H. Cartland, Lizzie S. Hoag.

COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF MOSHER FUND.

Chairman—Henry H. Goddard.
Secretary—Deborah P. Atherton.
Treasurer—J. Ellwood Paige.

For One Year.

Henry H. Goddard.
Deborah P. Atherton.
Mary L. Cobb.

For Two Years.

Samuel Buffum.
J. Ellwood Paige.
Susan Peckham.

For Three Years.

Edward T. Tucker.
Alice W. Hawkes.
Mary W. Jones, of Winthrop Centre.

TRUSTEES OF MOSHER FUND.

Charles M. Bailey.
Olney T. Meader.
Owen Dame.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

For One Year.

Thomas Wood.
Almira B. Buffum.
Lewis M. Douglas.
Myra E. Frye.

For Two Years.

Samuel R. Buffinton.
Susan Peckham.
Robert P. Gifford.
Hannah J. Bailey.

For Three Years.

John J. Frye.
James M. Estes.
Susan F. Hoxie.
Henry F. Newell.

YEARLY MEETING CORRESPONDENTS.

Joseph Cartland	Newburyport, Mass.
Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.

The attention of Quarterly and Monthly Meetings is particularly directed to the following Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, viz. : —

Minute No. 15.	Educational Report.
Minute No. 27.	Finance Report.—A Plan for Christian Giving.
Minute No. 35.	Elders from other Yearly Meetings.
Minute No. 52.	Quarterly Meetings directed to pay Treasurer.
Minute No. 57.	Revision of the Discipline.

The attention of the Representative Meeting is called to Minutes Nos. 35, Section 2, Nos. 48 and 50 of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting for 1896.

MINUTES

OF

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1896.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 17TH.

The Meeting met in separate session according to adjournment.

Epistles have been read from our sisters in London and Dublin, to our edification.

We have received and read at this time the report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which is encouraging and satisfactory to us.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS:

STATISTICS.

	Number of Auxiliaries.		Number of Members.		Honorary Members
	1895	1896	1895	1896	1896
Rhode Island	6	6	99	84	4
Salem	5	6	129	132	18
Sandwich	4	4	54	52	5
Falmouth	4	4	76	86	19
Smithfield	2	2	45	37	0
Vassalboro	3	3	63	55	11
Dover	1	1	10	10	0
Fairfield	3	3	73	61	30
Parsonsfield	2	2	25	27	0
Total	30	31	574	544	87

Work among the Kickapoo Indians and at Ramallah claims our first attention still, but aid has also been extended in several other directions.

There are thirty-one auxiliaries, which is a gain of one over last year. This auxiliary is in East Lynn, and starts out with consecrated hearts and earnest purpose. These auxiliaries have five hundred and forty-four members, a loss from last year's membership of thirty. One Quarterly Meeting holds its own, three have gained in membership, but the other five have lost. We have a gain of thirty-five honorary members.

Sixty public meetings of various kinds have been held. Though this number is larger than last year it is still very small. More effort might profitably be put forth in this direction, and when meetings can be arranged for children to have a part in recitations and hymns great good can be accomplished and missionary seed sown that will find a lodgment in tender hearts that could not be reached by us who are older.

There seem to have been no objectionable ways of raising money this year. It has been chiefly by membership fees, etc.

The work among the Kickapoos never seemed more hopeful. The Mission is wonderfully blessed in the never-flagging earnestness and devotion of Elizabeth Test and Lina B. Lunt. The Indians are now on their allotted lands, though not yet taking them in severalty. This land is only three miles from the Mission building, so that it now seems very desirable for this and other cogent reasons that the Society should have a title deed to the land on which the Mission stands.

The school house is the only place in which to hold meetings on First-day, and it is often very uncomfortably full. There is much need of a large tabernacle in which to meet. In that climate such a tabernacle would be warm enough the greater part of the year.

The scant and unreliable supply of water on the premises has made it imperatively necessary to make a new arrangement, by which we hope the mission will soon be furnished with good water in plenty.

The Indians have been for a long time in a very unsettled state concerning their allotments. They distrust the white man with just cause, which makes it hard for our missionaries to keep their confidence. Parthee, the Indian reported last year as converted under the preaching of John S. Kimber, still holds on his way rejoicing, and often preaches to his own people. Some of the others are often tendered, but any less devoted workers would be quite discouraged. The zeal and faith of these two women seems never to flag, and surely their labors will be crowned with success.

We have still the responsibility of the yearly sixty-five dollars for twenty girls at the Training Home at Ramallah, though besides this many of them have to be clothed.

The death of Charles M. Jones has been a severe blow to the mission, but being dead, he yet speaketh to the people, and his grave, ever since his death, kept almost constantly covered with flowers by the loving hands of the children, is a continual object lesson to the people, reminding them of the greater sacrifice of Him who came from above to die for them.

ALICE W. MAXFIELD,
Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LITERATURE FROM FOURTH MONTH 1st, 1895, TO FOURTH MONTH 1st, 1896.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:—

Reports from the thirty auxiliaries show that nine have founded missionary libraries; the number of volumes in these is sixty-five, besides a number of pamphlets. One auxiliary reports that their Sabbath School Library contains such books as they would naturally have in a missionary library, and they do not think it necessary to have duplicates.

During the year there have been sent to the local superintendents of literature throughout the Yearly Meeting four hundred and forty-two leaflets and catalogues of publications of supplies and missionary literature. Reports from auxiliaries show that one thousand two hundred and thirty-five leaflets have been distributed in twelve auxiliaries, eight hundred of this number by the Swansea superintendent of literature. Eleven report a few distributed, but no record kept, and six have not distributed any.

The reported membership of auxiliaries is five hundred and sixty-five, of whom one hundred and ninety-two alone subscribe for the Missionary Advocate. This does not include the total number of subscribers in the Yearly Meeting, as many take the paper who are not members of auxiliaries. Seven dollars has been contributed and forwarded to the editor, Eliza C. Armstrong, to enable her to send the "Advocate" to those who are not able to subscribe for it. We hope some new method will be devised by the local superintendents this year to increase the circulation of this valuable paper. Do let us try, and we shall certainly realize, to use the words of the excellent leaflet which has been sent to all, "that we have done what we thought we couldn't."

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH P. LADD,

General Superintendent of Literature.

PROVIDENCE, Sixth Month 10th, 1896.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PROPORTIONATE AND SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND:

The statistics of this department, as reported by the auxiliaries, are as follows:

Number of tracts received	520
" " distributed	396
" mite-boxes given out	90
" addresses delivered	22
" who practice Proportionate and Systematic Giving	155
Amount of mite-box collections	$132.49

Quite a number of auxiliaries report money as raised entirely from membership fees and free-will offerings; the principal income of most of the remainder seems to be from the making and sale of useful articles, among which quilts are especially mentioned. A few make use of suppers, one reports birthday bags, and one a lecture and entertainment. One auxiliary, besides their sewing, gathered apples and sold them. There seems thus to be an increasing tendency to free-will offerings, either taken direct from the income, or obtained as pay for work done by the members.

This year three auxiliaries have failed to report at all; one states that they have no such department, and therefore no statistics can be given; and several others give very imperfect reports. One auxiliary, which has usually sent in full and satisfactory accounts, has lately changed the Superintendent in this department, and the new officer. not fully understanding her duties, neglected to keep account of tracts, etc., and to ascertain the number who practice proportionate giving. This auxiliary reported last year, twenty-four in this practice; another somewhat similarly circumstanced, previously had eight, and one which failed to report this year had nine last year. The probability is that most of these still continue the practice; so that a full report would have increased the number of proportionate givers considerably over last year's, instead of making it ten less. I am glad to be able to say, on the other hand, that one auxiliary which has heretofore sent me no statistics forwarded quite a full report this year, although they had not yet formally organized the department.

We trust that next year the three auxiliaries which failed to report, and the others which sent imperfect reports, will realize the importance of organizing this department and reporting promptly and fully. Let your Superintendent be able to say next year, that she has received full reports from every auxiliary. If this is the case, it can hardly be doubted that the statistics reported to the Yearly Meeting will show a gratifying progress in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. P. ATHERTON, *Superintendent.*

NEWPORT, R. I., Sixth Month 12th, 1896.

REPORT OF JUNIOR AND JUVENILE BANDS.

TO THE W. F. M. S. OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING:

Of the nine bands on the list sent by Sarah D. Brown, four have not reorganized. The Etta Johnston band at Winthrop Centre was given up because so many members were away at school, those left at home thought it was better to join the auxiliary there, but they have kept up their interest in their special girl at Ramallah and made up the amount for her schooling this year. They have also held a few informal meetings with the children and their work has been blessed.

Of the other five bands, one has not reported; the remaining five bands, Westport, Amesbury, Portland and Deering (jointly), South Durham and North Berwick have done good work. Meetings have been held generally once a month. At these they have had texts, prayers, recitations, missionary leaflets read and lessons given on special mission stations. Patch-work has been fitted and sent to the Indian schools and Ramallah, also paper dolls, scrap books and some clothing.

Each band has held its own, as to numbers, with an incrsase of five to one.

In all, the five bands number sixty-nine members and have raised $71.45 by donations, sales, mite boxes, membership fees, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY W. JONES, *Superintendent.*

WINTHROP CENTRE, ME., Sixth Month 9th, 1896.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, 1895 AND 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.		
Swansea Auxiliary	$240 00	
Newport Auxiliary	6 00	
Fall River Auxiliary	82 23	
Providence Auxiliary	142 00	
Portsmouth Auxiliary	10 00	
East Greenwich Auxiliary	4 50	
		$484 73
Salem Quarterly Meeting.		
Salem Auxiliary	$59 54	
Lynn Auxiliary	105 75	
Amesbury Auxiliary	54 00	
Boston Auxiliary	123 05	
North Weare Auxiliary	5 00	
East Lynn Chapel Auxiliary	15 00	
		$362 34
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.		
Westport Auxiliary	$33 00	
Allen's Neck Auxiliary	45 00	
Long Plain Auxiliary	11 50	
Smith's Neck Auxiliary	22 77	
		$112 27
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting.		
Winthrop Centre Auxiliary	$104 00	
Winthrop Centre Memorial for Lavinia M. Briggs	10 00	
West Gardiner Auxiliary	13 00	
Hallowell Auxiliary	18 00	
		$145 00
Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting.		
East Parsonsfield Auxiliary	$19 00	
North Sandwich Auxiliary	27 00	
		$46 00
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting.		
South Durham Auxiliary	$35 40	
East Durham Auxiliary	65 00	
Portland Auxiliary	127 24	
Windham Centre Auxiliary	11 00	
		$238 64
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.		
Bolton Auxiliary	$47 25	
Woonsocket Auxiliary	69 46	
		$116 71
Amount carried forward,		$1,505 69

Amount brought forward,		$1,505 69
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting.		
China Auxiliary	$66 00	
East Vassalboro Auxiliary	66 00	
Unity "	9 00	
		$141 00
Dover Quarterly Meeting.		
North Berwick Auxiliary		$12 00
Bible School Collections		159 52
Interest on Trust Funds		36 80
California Yearly Meeting		65 00
Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends		40 00
Junior Bands		114 50
Y. P. S. C. E. of New England Yearly Meeting		320 06
Y. P. S. C. E., Smith's Neck, Mass.		17 96
Memorial Gifts for		
Julia E. Almy	$10 00	
Lavinia G. Huntington	10 00	
Flora M. Bailey	10 00	
Hannah A. P. Larkin	10 00	
Margaret C. Kimber	10 00	
		$50 00
Miscellaneous		146 25
Contribution		53
Donation, S. J. S.		40 00
		$2,649 31

EXPENDITURES.

William T. Hussey, for Girls in Training Home	$1,300 00	
William T. Hussey, for Five Day Scholars	25 00	
Elizabeth Test and Lina B. Lunt, Salaries	600 00	
Elizabeth Test, from Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends	40 00	
Elizabeth Test, from Y. P. S. C. E., Smith's Neck, Mass.	10 52	
Elizabeth Test, from Y. P. S. C. E., of New England Yearly Meeting	320 06	
Freight on Barrels to Elizabeth Test	10 31	
Expenses of Public Meeting at Newport	36 00	
Amount Borrowed, Third Month 31, 1895	60 29	
George C. Herbert, Printing	7 75	
Mary G. Winslow, Trustee, Four Life Memberships	80 00	
Mary G. Winslow, Trustee, Six Memorial Gifts	60 00	
Superintendents of Departments	8 59	
Postage	2 00	
Providence Auxiliary, Expressage	92	
E. W. Longstreth, for Jewish Missions	45 65	
E. W. Longstreth, Annual Membership Dues	17 22	
Katharine Dixon, India, for support of Effie E. Swan	25 00	
		$2,649 31
Received for Account of Indian Building Fund, Proceeds of Note of M. M. Bailey		$119 00

Four life members have been added during the year. The list now stands as follows:

Elizabeth T. Larkin.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Caroline Alice Jones.
Mary R. Osborne.
Hannah B. Farr.
Huldah H. Leighton.
Etta H. Johnston.
Anna G. Wood.
Ruth S. Murray.
Emeline H. Tuttle.
Ellen K. Buffum.
* Lydia E. Sawyer.
Mary H. Robinson.
Phebe S. Aydelott.
Mary E. Gifford.
Sarah J. Swift.
Mary S. Macomber.
Elizabeth A. Gifford.
Hannah G. Sherman.
Lina B. Lunt.
Tacie P. Hawkes.
Lucy R. Goddard.
Myra E. Frye.
Adeline F. Chace.
M. Augusta Battey.
Lettie M. Bailey.
Sophia D. Bailey.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN H. MEADER, *Treasurer.*

NEWPORT, Sixth Month 12th, 1896.

I have audited the foregoing accounts, with the vouchers for expenditures, and find them correct.

M. AUGUSTA BATTEY, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand	$13 01	
Interest on Nebraska Loan and Trust Company	12 00	
Interest on A. F. Cox & Sons' Note	5 00	
Interest on Deposit in Savings Bank	6 79	
For four memberships	80 00	
For Six Memorial Gifts ($10)	60 00	
		$176 80

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Susan H. Meader, Treasurer	$36 80	
Deposit in Savings Bank	140 00	
		$176 80

AMOUNT HELD IN TRUST.

In Augusta Savings Bank	$300 00	
Nebraska Loan and Trust Company	200 00	
A. F. Cox & Sons' Note	100 00	
		$600 00

For the Trustees,

MARY G. WINSLOW.

WINTHROP CENTRE, ME., Fifth Month 26th, 1896.

I have examined the foregoing account with vouchers and find them correct.

M. A. BATTEY, *Auditor.*

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* Deceased.

The following named Friends have been appointed as officers of the Society for the ensuing year: —

President—Phebe S. Aydelott, 344 Rock Street, Fall River, Mass.

Vice-Presidents-at-Large—Myra E. Frye, Woodfords, Me., Ruth S. Murray, Grove Street, New Bedford, Mass.

Corresponding Secretary—Alice W. Maxfield, Amesbury, Mass.

Recording Secretary—Abby M. C. Breed, 27 Beach Avenue, Lynn, Mass.

Treasurer—Susan H. Meader, 634 Warren Street, Roxbury, Mass.

QUARTERLY MEETING VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Rhode Island—Adeline F. Chace, box 416, Fall River, Mass.
Salem—Jennie W. Crosman, Mountain Avenue, Lynn, Mass.
Sandwich—Elizabeth A. Gifford, Adamsville, R. I.
Smithfield—Sarah J. Swift, 22 Oak Avenue, Worcester, Mass.
Dover—Almira B. Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
Falmouth—Miriam C. Webber, Lisbon Falls, Me.
Vassalboro—Eliza P. Pierce, East Vassalboro, Me.
Parsonsfield—Mary L. Cobb, Parsonsfield, Me.

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND.

For One Year—Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
For Two Years—Anna M. Gove, Seabrook, N. H.
For Three Years—Mary G. Winslow, Winthrop Centre, Me.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Proportionate and Systematic Giving—Deborah P. Atherton, Uxbridge, Mass.
Literature—Emily M. Jones, Limington, Me.
Junior and Juvenile Work—Mary W. Jones, Winthrop Centre, Me.

AUDITORS.

M. Augusta Battey, Providence, R. I., Elizabeth W. Swan, 2 Derne Street, Boston, Mass.

BOX COMMITTEE.

Chairman—Mary B. Johnston, 469 Cumberland Street, Portland, Me.
Isabelle D. Chase, Cherry Street, Lynn, Mass.
Olive H. Weeks, Friends' School, Providence, R. I.

The Report of the Committee on Purity was read and accepted. In this, as indeed in every work, there is need of much prayer and of dwelling in the secret place of the Most High. We encourage the work, and, with many prayers that they may have wisdom from above, we commit the work again to a committee. M. Augusta Battey and others are appointed a Nominating Committee to present names of Friends to constitute that committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PURITY.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:—

" Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people." (Isa. 62: 10.)

Loudly the voice of the prophet calling to duty sounds in our ears to-day.

We know purity of life to be God's command, and true loyalty to Him requires that we should not only be pure ourselves, but put forth earnest, practical, consecrated effort for the uplifting of those who have fallen, create and develop correct public sentiment and help in the training and shielding of the young from the corrupting influences of the day.

We are glad that not only parents but ministers, teachers, physicians and Christian workers are giving prayerful thought to this subject, and by their timely utterances are helping to forward the work so greatly needed. Our reports are encouraging, and there seems to be an increasing desire that more effort may be put forth in the future.

Written reports from eleven members of the Committee have been received. Seven Mothers' Meetings have been held, at one of which an excellent and very helpful address on "Home Making" and "Heart Keeping" was given. It is believed that if this address could be given in every meeting in our Yearly Meeting much good would result.

About three thousand pages of literature have been distributed, five copies of the "Report of the National Purity Congress" purchased and circulated, also four copies of the "Philanthropist" taken, and a few subscribers obtained to the "New Crusade."

A sermon entitled "The Crowning Sin of the Age" is highly recommended by one who has heard it, and a suggestion made that it be printed in tract form for general distribution. There is a great call for one leaflet published by the committee, "The Questioning Age," which is now out of print. Eight dollars will print two thousand copies of this leaflet. With God's blessing resting on each one of these, who can estimate the result? We need funds for this literature work. Shall we have them? Last year we had twenty-eight dollars, every cent of which, we believe, was wisely and profitably expended.

The formation of "Child Culture Circles" is also suggested as a means of great good. If the mothers in any neighborhood would meet together monthly for prayer and the discussion of vital subjects connected with child training, we believe much good would be done. Leaflets especially designed for such meetings, twelve in a series, just enough to last a year. Literature can be obtained free of cost by application to the superintendent of this department and a statement of the kind required.

There appears to be an increasing and honest desire to know the truth, and also much prayer for wisdom and Divine guidance, which we know will be given according to promise.

Respectfully submitted,

ADELINE F. CHACE, *Cor. Sec.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF PURITY COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

From Collection at Yearly Meeting at Portland, Sixth Month, 1895	$10 38
Contributed by Friends	7 20
Total	$17 58

EXPENDITURES.

For Four Copies of "Philanthropist"	$3 00
Five Copies of Purity Congress Report for use of Members of Committee	11 00
Literature and Postage	3 58
Total	$17 58

MARY ALMY CHASE, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEE ON THE SUBJECT OF PURITY.

ORGANIZATION.

Chairman—Emeline H. Tuttle.
Corresponding Secretary—Elizabeth T. Larkin.
Recording Secretary—Salome C. Wheeler.
Treasurer—Mary Almy Chase.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Mary Almy Chase. Mary C. Baylies. Martha B. Osborne.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Mary A. Chase, box 124, Manchester, N. H.
Elizabeth T. Larkin, 72 Central Street, Peabody, Mass.
Mary C. Baylies, 74 Bedford Street, New Bedford, Mass.
Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.
Abbie P. Jenkins, East Vassalboro, Me.
Martha B. Osborne, Manchester, Me.
Phebe L. Pope, East Parsonsfield, Me.
H. Elizabeth Jones, Amesbury, Mass.
Adeline F. Chace, box 355, Fall River, Mass.
Angeline McPherson, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Adeline P. Briggs, care Hoxie Bros., Phenix, R. I.
Eliza B. Douglas, Lisbon Falls, Me.

We are united in requesting that one session of the Yearly Meeting of 1897 be a separate session.

Adjourned to meet immediately with men Friends in joint session.

ALICE W. MAXFIELD, *Clerk.*

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

The Seventh Annual Business Meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was held Sixth Month 13th, 1896, at 2.00 P. M., at Newport, R. I.

In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by the Secretary, followed by singing and devotion.

Mary L. Chace was then called to act as Chairman for the day.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Delegates from the local societies responded to their names as follows : —

Somerset.—Arthur Chace, Anna Earle, Estelle Chace, William Sayers, Harry Read, Flora Read.

Fall River.—H. Emma Skinner, Alice Ridings.

Saylesville.—Maggie Montgomery, Myra Meader.

Friends' School.—Bertha T. Pinkham, Edward Macomber, Anna Swan, Edith Jones, Sarah Gifford.

Lynn.—Abby M. C. Breed, Cyrus Jones, Jennie T. Bishop.

Amesbury.—Ruth E. Osborne.

East Lynn.—Elmer E. Metzger, Jennie W. Crosman, Jennie M. Atkins.

Portland.—Ellison R. Purdy, Fred Dearborn, Lewis M. Douglas, Emma A. Douglas, Elizabeth Frye, Jason F. Fickett, Hannah Fickett.

South Durham.—Mattie H. Newhall, Edwin W. Webber.

Smithfield.—Mabel A. Mann, Oscar J. Morse.

Vassalboro, South China.—Anna Jones.

Fairfield, Hallowell.—A. Frank Morse.

All other delegates appointed not present at the roll call.

The statistical report of the Recording Secretary was read and accepted.

The following report of our Organizer was read and accepted : —

REPORT OF ORGANIZER.

To the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of New England Yearly Meeting: —

Owing, no doubt, to the lack of evangelistic work, there have been very few calls for the services of Organizer the past year. However, it was thought proper to try to encourage existing societies, especially those remote from large centres of social and religious life.

There has been but one society formed by your Organizer, that at West Epping, N. H.; but this society, although in a Friends' meeting-house, has no Friend among its active members, they being Methodists, Congregationalists and Adventists. It was started with six active and twelve associate members, and has since grown and exerted an influence for good in a community which had very little religious life. The work was undertaken by your Organizer upon the suggestion of the Quarterly Meeting Superintendent and the request of a very earnest young woman of West Epping, who had faith that God would pour out His spirit upon that forsaken community.

At least three societies have started the past year without the assistance of your Organizer, at Augusta and St. Albans, Me., and at Portsmouth, R. I.

In November last Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting was visited and a conference of societies in that quarter held. About the same time the then new society at St. Albans was visited and given some advice concerning the working of a society. Other societies visited are Portland, East Vassalboro and Oak Grove Seminary, Me., South Pittsfield, N. H., Woonsocket, R. I, and Westport, Mass.

All the Quarterly Meeting Superintendents have been corresponded with concerning the needs and prospects of the societies in their respective Quarters, and in all some forty letters have been written.

The needs of the societies seem to be a deeper realization of the responsibilities God has placed upon them, such as setting consistent examples in righteousness, faithful work for the salvation of their associate members, and doing something daily in the name of God for the betterment of humanity and toward the payment of the great debt we owe to Christ our Redeemer.

In some societies there is a considerable lack in the work of committees. Now when we realize that the life of a society depends upon the faithful and aggressive work of the committees, we must feel the need of more activity in them.

Several societies should have junior societies connected with them, and as this is a most promising field, it should receive prompt attention.

There are yet many Preparative Meetings without Christian Endeavor Societies, and evangelistic work is much needed to bring the young people of such communities to the place where they will desire to do something definite for Christ and the church. May God send forth laborers into the field.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH EARLE.

Dighton, Mass., June 10, 1896.

The following report of the Superintendent of Junior Work was read and accepted.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF JUNIOR WORK.

To the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of New England Yearly Meeting:—

Although my heart is deeply in the work, yet, owing to home duties, it has been impossible for me to fulfill the duties of Junior Superintendent.

For some reason most of the local societies have failed to send in their reports. Boston has seventeen members with five other children in regular attendance. The Missionary and Flower Committees report the most work. They support a day scholar in Ramallah, besides doing home-mission work. Mite-boxes are used.

The girls' society in Lynn has seventeen members. They have just changed Superintendents, and are to organize anew with the boys.

Durham, Me., has appointed a Junior Superintendent, and is about to organize.

South China Society has twenty members, who with few exceptions are brave little standard bearers. The Missionary Committee is the one of especial interest. They are doing something for both home and foreign work. A public missionary meeting was held with very good success.

One great difficulty in the way of organizing Junior Societies is the Loyal Temperance Legion. Could not the societies be united in some way in the small places where the same children have to sustain both?

While I have been able to accomplish so little, I do pray and believe that the interest in this work will go on to grand results in our Yearly Meeting. I know of no Christian work which brings its own reward so quickly.

May the dear Lord, who took the little ones in His arms and blessed them, direct the work for the coming year to His honor and glory, and to the bringing of many dear children into active living for Him.

Respectfully submitted,

IDA C. JONES,

Superintendent of Junior Work.

The following report of the Corresponding Secretary was read and accepted: —

To Friends' Young People's Society Christian Endeavor of New England Yearly Meeting: —

Quite a number of letters have been written by your Corresponding Secretary during the past year. I have answered all letters received as promptly as possible.

Not as much has been done, however, as might have been by one who knew more of the Christian Endeavor work in the various local societies.

LUCY J. GODDARD, *Cor. Sec.*

The following report of the Treasurer was read and accepted : —

TREASURER'S REPORT OF FRIENDS' Y. P. S. C. E. FOR NEW ENGLAND, ENDING SIXTH MONTH, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$45 88	
Received from collection at Public Meeting, Portland, Me.	34 10	
Received from Society South China, Me.	1 00	
		$80 98

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Frank E. Jones for expense incurred while Organizer	$6 25	
Paid for Money Order to M. M. Binford, Indiana, in the interests of the C. E. work in the American Friend	20 12	
Paid for postage stamps for Harriet E. MacLean, President	2 00	
Paid Ralph Earle, Organizer, for expenses while in the service	30 00	
Balance on hand	22 61	
		$80 98

ACCOUNT OF FRIENDS' YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR INDIAN MISSION WORK.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$263 16	
Received from Society Somerset, Mass.	17 55	
“ “ “ Lewiston, Me.	15 00	
“ “ “ Dartmouth, Mass.	17 50	
“ “ “ Fall River, “	6 85	
“ “ “ Woonsocket, R. I.	30 00	
		$350 06

EXPENDITURES.

By checks and money order to Susan H. Meader, Treasurer New England W. F. M. S., in the interests of the School and Children at the Mexican Kickapoo Indian Mission	$350 06

FRED C. DEARBORN, *Treasurer.*

The Evangelistic Committee reported that little had been done on account of the difficulty of getting the committee together. At the conference held at Lynn they co-operated with the Conference Committee in arranging an Evangelistic Meeting in the evening. At South China Camp Meeting an all-day Evangelistic Meeting was held through their efforts. Several visits were made and letters of encouragement written to local societies. It was voted that the Nominating Committee bring forward a name for Superintendent of Evangelistic Work, instead of a committee.

The following persons were appointed as a Nominating Committee, to bring forward names at the evening session for officers for the ensuing year : — Frank E. Jones, Abby M. C. Breed, Anna M. Gifford, Lewis Douglas, Oscar J. Morse, Anna Jones, Horace Hall.

The subject of the Friends' International Christian Endeavor Union was then brought before us and left to the Executive Committee to ascertain whether we belong to that organization, and if so to appoint a delegate to attend the Convention at Washington.

An interesting letter was read from Lina B. Lunt, giving an account of the work at the Kickapoo Mission.

It was voted that the Nominating Committee bring forward the name of some person to act as Superintendent of Mission work.

The Meeting adjourned to 7.30 P. M.

SIXTH MONTH 13TH, 8.30 P. M.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman. After singing, J. Walter Malone addressed the Meeting and led in prayer. Chas. H. Atkins delivered an address on "Christian Citizenship."

The Nominating Committee then submitted the following report, and the officers therein named were elected for the ensuing year, viz. :

President—Arthur Chace, box 416, Fall River, Mass.
Vice-President—Horace Hall, St. Albans, Me.
Recording Secretary—Mary A. Crosman, 24 Beach Avenue, Lynn, Mass.
Corresponding Secretary—Lucy J. Goddard, Deering, Me.
Treasurer—D. Ellwood Maxfield, Amesbury, Mass.
Organizer—Ralph Earle, Dighton, Mass,
Superintendent Junior Work—Jennie Wordsworth, Augusta, Me.
Superintendent Missionary Work—Nellie Hussey, Woodfords, Me.
Superintendent Evangelistic Work—Mary C. Farr, Augusta, Me.

QUARTERLY MEETING SUPERINTENDENTS.

Rhode Island—Emma Skinner, Durfee Street, Fall River, Mass.
Salem—Alice W. Jones, Amesbury, Mass.
Sandwich—Hattie Tallman, Dartmouth, Mass.
Falmouth—Arthur W. Hawkes, 69 Union Street, Portland, Me.
Smithfield—Leander Fisher, Woonsocket, R. I.
Vassalboro—Eva C. Goddard, East Vassalboro, Me.
Dover—Clarence I. Pinkham, Dover, N. H.
Fairfield—George F. Morse, Hallowell, Me.
Parsonsfield—Mary L. Cobb, Parsonsfield, Me.

An open parliament followed, conducted by Elmer E. Metzger, in which he asked the questions: What literature to read as a help to good citizenship? What relation peace, the press, total abstinence and woman suffrage have to Christian citizenship? which questions were answered very enthusiastically by persons all through the meeting.

A collection was then taken, and the meeting closed by singing "America," and repeating the Mizpah benediction.

MARY L. CHACE, *Chairman.*
MARY A. CROSMAN, *Secretary.*

TIME AND PLACE OF HOLDING

QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY MEETINGS.

RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING is held on the 1st Fifth-day in Second, Fifth, Eighth and Eleventh months, at 10. 30 A. M.

Second month, at Providence, R. I.
Fifth month, at East Greenwich R. I.
Eighth month, at Newport, R. I.
Eleventh month, at Fall River, Mass.

RHODE ISLAND MONTHLY MEETING, held last Fifth-day in each month, at 10.30 A. M. Even months at Portsmouth, odd months at Newport. Isaac B. Macomber, Correspondent, Portsmouth, R. I.

EAST GREENWICH MONTHLY MEETING, held at East Greenwich, Second-day before the 1st Fifth-day in First, Fourth, Seventh and Tenth months, at 11.00 A. M. Charles W. Earle, Correspondent, East Greenwich, R. I.

PROVIDENCE MONTHLY MEETING, held at Providence, last Seventh-day in each month, at 3.30 P. M. Thomas J. Battey, Correspondent, Friends' School, Providence, R. I.

SWANSEA MONTHLY MEETING, held last Second-day of each month, at 2.00 P. M. Even months at Fall River, odd months at Somerset. Henry C. Aydelott, Correspondent, 344 Rock street, Fall River, Mass.

SOUTH KINGSTON MONTHLY MEETING, held at South Kingston, Second-day before the last Fifth-day, before the Quarterly Meeting, at 11.00 A. M. Peter H. Collins, Correspondent, Wood River Junction, R. I.

SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING, held on 3d Fifth-day in First month, at Salem, at 10 A. M.

4th Fifth-day in Fifth month, at Amesbury, at 10 A. M.
3d Fifth-day in Eighth month, at Lynn, at 10 A. M.
3d Fifth-day in Tenth month, at Weare, N. H., at 10 A. M.

SALEM MONTHLY MEETING, held at Salem, 2d Fifth-day in First and Fourth months, at 2.30 P. M., 2d Fifth-day in Seventh and Tenth months, at 7.30 P. M.; at Lynn in Second, Third, Eleventh and Twelfth months, at 2.30 P. M., Fifth, Eighth and Ninth months, at 7.30 P. M., 1st Sixth-day in Sixth month, at 2.30 P. M. William O. Newhall, Correspondent, Lynn, Mass.

AMESBURY MONTHLY MEETING, held 1st Fifth-day in each month; at Amesbury in First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Eighth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth months, at 10 A. M.; at Pittsfield in Ninth month, at 10 A. M.; at West Newbury in Sixth month, at 10 A. M.; at Epping in Second and Seventh months, at 2 P. M. Moses Huntington, Correspondent, Amesbury, Mass.

WEARE MONTHLY MEETING, held at North Weare, N. H., in First, Third, Fifth, Seventh, Tenth and Eleventh months, at 10.30 A. M.; at South Weare, N. H., in Second, Fourth, Eighth and Twelfth months, at 10.30 A. M ; at Henniker, N. H., in Sixth and Ninth months, at 10.30 A. M. Lindley H. Osborne, Correspondent, North Weare, N. H.

BOSTON MONTHLY MEETING, held at Boston, Mass., each month on the 2d Sixth-day, at 7 45 P. M., except in the Sixth month, when it is held the 1st Sixth-day in the month. Olney T. Meader, Correspondent, 634 Warren street, Boston, Mass.

SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING is held on the 2d Fifth-day of the months in which it occurs.

First and Fourth months, at New Bedford, Mass., at 11.00 A. M.
Seventh month, at Falmouth, Mass., at 11.30 A. M.
Tenth month, at Sandwich, Mass., at 11.30 A. M.

SANDWICH MONTHLY MEETING, held at Sandwich, Mass., in Second, Fourth, Sixth, Tenth and Twelfth months; at Yarmouth, Mass., in Third, Eighth and Eleventh months; at Falmouth, Mass., in First, Fifth, Seventh and Ninth months. This Monthly Meeting occurs the 1st Sixth-day in each month, excepting in the Seventh and Tenth months, when it is held the Sixth-day after the 2d Fifth-day. Joseph Ewer, Correspondent, East Sandwich, Mass.

DARTMOUTH MONTHLY MEETING, held at Allen's Neck, Mass., in First, Fourth, Seventh and Tenth months; at Smith's Neck, Mass., in Second, Fifth, Eighth and Eleventh months; at Apponagansett, Mass., in Third, Sixth, Ninth and Twelfth months. This Monthly Meeting is held the 4th Fourth-day in each month. David H. Potter, Correspondent, Dartmouth, Mass.

WESTPORT MONTHLY MEETING, held at Central Village, Mass., on the 3d Fifth-day of each month, except in Sixth month, when it is held the Seventh-day following the 3d Fifth-day, at 11.00 A. M. James A. Gifford, Correspondent, Central Village, Mass.

NEW BEDFORD MONTHLY MEETING, held at New Bedford, Mass., on the 4th Fifth-day in each month, at 11.00 A. M. John B. Baylies, Correspondent, New Bedford, Mass.

FALMOUTH QUARTERLY MEETING, held on the Seventh and First-days after the last Sixth-day in First, Fifth, Eighth and Tenth months, at 10 A. M.

First month, at Lewiston, Me.
Fifth month, at Deering, Me.
Eighth month, at Durham, Me.
Tenth month, at Windham, Me.

Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight held on the day preceding the Quarterly Meeting, at 2 P. M.

FALMOUTH MONTHLY MEETING, held at Deering, Me., on 3d Fifth-day in First, Third, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth and Eleventh months; at Portland, Me., in Second, Fourth, Eighth, Tenth and Twelfth months; in Sixth month one week later. Calvin S. Goddard, Correspondent, Woodfords, Me.

DURHAM MONTHLY MEETING, held at South Durham, Me., on Third-day following the 2d Fifth-day in the month, at 10 A. M., except in Sixth month, when it is one week later. Henry F. Newell, Correspondent, Brunswick, Me.

WINDHAM MONTHLY MEETING, held Sixth-day following the 3d Fifth-day in the month, except in Sixth month, it is held one week later. Held at Windham, Me., except in Sixth and Ninth months, when it is held at Casco, Me. All meetings at 10 A. M. William H. Varney, Correspondent, North Windham, Me.

LEWISTON MONTHLY MEETING, held at Lewiston, Me., Third-day following the 2d Fifth-day in the month, at 7.30 P. M., except Sixth month, when it is one week later. Josiah B. Holder, Correspondent, Lewiston, Me.

SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING, held on the 2d Fifth-day in the month, at 10.30 A. M.

Second month, at Worcester, Mass.
Fifth month, at Northbridge, Mass.
Eighth month, at Bolton, Mass.
Eleventh month, at Woonsocket, R. I.

SMITHFIELD MONTHLY MEETING, held at Woonsocket, R. I., on the last Fifth-day in each month, at 11.00 A. M. Isaac Steere, Correspondent, Harrisville, R. I.

UXBRIDGE MONTHLY MEETING, held at Worcester, Mass., on the Fourth-day before the last Fifth-day in each month, at 7.30 P. M. Daniel Wheeler, Correspondent, Uxbridge, Mass.

BOLTON MONTHLY MEETING, held at Bolton, Mass., on the Fourth-day before the last Fifth-day in each month, at 11.00 A. M. Paul A. Randall, Correspondent, Berlin, Mass.

VASSALBORO QUARTERLY MEETING, held at East Vassalboro, Me., on the 2d Sixth-day in Second and Eleventh months.

2d Sixth-day in Ninth month, at Vassalboro, Me.
Last Sixth-day in Fifth month, at China, Me.
William H. Cates, Correspondent.

UNITY MONTHLY MEETING, held at Unity, Me., Sixth-day after 3d Fifth-day in each month, except Seventh, Eighth and Ninth months, when held at Brooks, Me. Clement R. Jones, Correspondent.

MAPLE GROVE MONTHLY MEETING, held at Maple Grove, Me., last Seventh-day in each month. William Penn Varney, Correspondent.

VASSALBORO MONTHLY MEETING, held Third-day after the 2d Fifth-day alternately at Vassalboro, Me., and East Vassalboro, Me., commencing at Vassalboro, Me., in First month, except Sixth month, when held Third-day after Yearly Meeting closes. William H. Cates, Correspondent.

CHINA MONTHLY MEETING, held at China, Me., Fourth-day after 2d Fifth-day in the Third, Fourth Seventh, Ninth, Eleventh and Twelfth months. South China, Me., First, Fifth, Eighth and Tenth months. At West China, Me., Second and Sixth months. All at 10.00 o'clock. In Sixth month, the week after the Yearly Meeting closes. Alfred H. Jones, Correspondent.

DOVER QUARTERLY MEETING, held at Gonic, N. H., on Seventh-day after the 1st First-day in First month, at 11 A. M.

Seventh-day after 3d Fifth-day in Fourth month, at Dover, N. H., at 10.30 A.M.

Seventh-day after the 3d Fifth-day in Eighth month, at North Berwick, Me., at 10.30 A. M.

Seventh-day after 3d Fifth-day in Tenth month, at Rochester, N. H., at 10.30 A. M.

Samuel Buffum, Correspondent, North Berwick, Me.

DOVER MONTHLY MEETING, held on Fourth-day before the 2d Fifth-day in each month, at Rochester, N. H., in the First, Third, Fifth, Ninth and Eleventh months; at Dover, N. H. in Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth and Twelfth months; at Gonic, N. H. in Second and Seventh months. All at 10.30 A. M. William P. Tuttle, Correspondent, Dover, N. H.

BERWICK MONTHLY MEETING, held at North Berwick, Me. on 3d Fifth-day in each month, at 10.30 A. M. Samuel Buffum, Correspondent, No. Berwick, Me.

FAIRFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING, held at Winthrop, Me., on Seventh-day after 1st Sixth-day in Second month, at 10 A. M.

Seventh-day before last Sixth-day in Fifth month, at Manchester, Me.

Seventh-day after 1st Sixth-day in Ninth month, at Winthrop, Me.

Seventh-day after 1st Sixth-day in Eleventh month, at Fairfield, Me.

WINTHROP MONTHLY MEETING, held on last Sixth-day in the month, at 10 A. M., at Winthrop, Me., in Third, Sixth, Ninth and Twelfth months; at Manchester, Me., in First, Fourth, Seventh and Tenth months; at West Gardiner, Me., in Second, Fifth, Eighth and Eleventh months. Levi Jones, Correspondent, Winthrop, Me.

SIDNEY MONTHLY MEETING, is held the 4th Fifth-day in each month, except in the Fifth month, when it is held the 3d Fifth-day, at 10.00 A. M., at Sidney, Me., Second, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth and Twelfth months; at Fairfield, Me., First, Third, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth and Eleventh months. Asa Shepard, Correspondent, Centre Sidney, Me.

ST. ALBANS MONTHLY MEETING, held at St. Albans, Me., the Third-day before 4th Fifth-day in each month, at 10.00 A. M. Cyrus Estes, Correspondent, St. Albans, Me.

PARSONSFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING, held at East Parsonsfield, Me., on Seventh-day after 1st Sixth-day in Ninth month, and Seventh-day after 2d Fifth-day in First month, at 10.00 A. M.

Seventh-day after 1st Sixth-day in Eleventh month, and Seventh-day after 3d Fifth-day in Fifth month, at North Sandwich, N. H., at 10 A. M.

PARSONSFIELD MONTHLY MEETING, held at East Parsonsfield, Me., on Fourth-day before the 3d Fifth-day in each month, at 10 A. M. Silas H. Cartland, Correspondent, East Parsonsfield, Me.

SANDWICH MONTHLY MEETING, held at North Sandwich, N. H., on 2d Fifth-day in each month, except First month, when it is held on the 1st Fifth-day, at 10 A. M. Russell Hoag, Correspondent, North Sandwich, N. H.

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MINUTES

OF THE

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

FOR

NEW ENGLAND.

1897.

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MINUTES OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in joint session at Portland, Maine, beginning on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 11th, 1897.

2. By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that their Representatives to this Meeting are as follows, viz. :—

FROM RHODE ISLAND—Charles W. Earle, Joseph H. Atwater, Esther Chace, Susan Peckham, Moses L. Buffinton, Luella E. Jones, Exie Estes, Obadiah Chace, Robert P. Gifford, Isaac B. Macomber, S. Narcissa Beale, Catharine Greene, Frank E. Jones, E. Anna Tucker, Charles A. Chace, William H. Beale, James M. Estes, Augustine Jones, Phebe S. Aydelott, Phebe R. Gifford, Gulielma Freeborn, Sarah J. Hanson, Samuel R. Buffinton.

FROM SALEM—Peter M. Neal, Eliza A. Jones, William O. Newhall, Sarah A. Hill, Sarah W. Swett, George A. Crosman, Stephen Swett, Daniel C. Maxfield, Cyrus Jones, Alice W. Maxfield, Benjamin F. Trueblood, Mary E. Newhall, Charles H. Jones, Charles H. Thorndike, Jennie W. Crosman, Nathan P. Buxton, Lydia C. Neal, Susan H. Meader, Annie K. Knight, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Mary S. Paige, Lucy Ellen Collins, Albert N. Peaslee.

FROM SANDWICH—William P. Macomber, N. Hervey Wilbur, Joshua L. Macomber, Edward G. Dillingham, Eliza A. Gifford, Susan F. Hoxie, Mary Hafford, John C. Taylor, Arnold G. Tripp, Philip A. Cornell, Anna G. Wood, Elizabeth C. Ewer, Abbie H. Cornell, William P. Davis, David H. Potter, Henry A. Slocum, Ruth S. Murray, Esther D. Macomber, Lydia Gifford.

FROM FALMOUTH—J. Hacker Hall, Nathan Douglas, Silas Goddard, Elizabeth M. Frye, Albert F. Minott, Eliza E. Farr, Ezra Hawkes, William H. Douglas, Lydia M. Pope, George H. Farr, L. Maria Jones, Lewis M. Douglas, John J. Frye, Alice W. Hawkes, Edward S. Hacker, Luella S. Ayer, Lindley H. Cartland.

FROM SMITHFIELD—William P. Pinkham, Salome C. Wheeler, A. Eben Phelps, Paul A. Randall, Isaac Steere, Emma C. Pinkham, Sarah J. Swift, Mary A. Battey, Frederick D. Taylor, Deborah P. Atherton, Samuel A. Arnold, Calvin R. Rockwood.

FROM VASSALBORO—Alvano C. Goddard, Mary R. Jones, William A. Jones, Jedidiah J. Varney, Mary C. Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Flavilla S. Roberts, Elizabeth K. Jones, Etta S. Cates, Emily S. Weeks, Linwood W. Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, William H. Cates, Annie M. Nichols.

FROM DOVER—Samuel Buffum, Eli Meader, Flora S. Evans, George Irving Jenness, Almena Nutter, Albert C. Buffum, Emeline H. Tuttle.

FROM FAIRFIELD—Jesse McPherson, Joseph E. Briggs, Clara G. Bowery, Horace M. Hall, Henry Winslow, Elizabeth M. Hawkes, Henrietta H. Johnston, I. Warren Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Almeda Trueblood, Augustus F. Morse, Angeline McPherson, George B. Wing, Osborne J. Hoffman, Levi Jones, Mary C. Hawkes, Alpheus Trueblood, Martha B. Osborne, Mary A. Robinson, Mary W. Jones of Winthrop Centre, Mabel M. Hoffman.

FROM PARSONSFIELD—Silas H. Cartland, Joseph S. Remick, Elizabeth S. Hoag, Emily M. Jones, John B. Cartland, James Cartland, Otis Meader, Elizabeth G. Meader, Julia A. Remick, Phebe L. Pope.

Whose names being called, one hundred and eight were present, and thirty-eight were absent. Several of the absentees have reported that they were prevented from attendance by illness or other unavoidable circumstances.

3. Ministers from other Yearly Meetings, with credentials are in attendance, viz.: Hannah H. Leggett, from New York Yearly

Meeting; David E. Sampson, from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Amos M. Kenworthy, from Indiana Yearly Meeting; Isom P. Wooton, from Iowa Yearly Meeting; Ezra G. Pearson, from Iowa Yearly Meeting; Eli G. Parker, from Iowa Yearly Meeting; James P. Price, from Oregon Yearly Meeting; J. Morris Lemmon, from Iowa Yearly Meeting. There are also in attendance at this Meeting with minutes, Mary H. Bedell an Elder, and Thomas H. Leggett an Elder, companion to his wife Hannah H. Leggett, both from New York Yearly Meeting; Emma Sampson an Elder, companion to her husband, David E. Sampson; and Emma Lemmon, wife of J. Morris Lemmon.

4. The subject of furnishing our visiting Friends with returning Minutes is referred to the following Committee: William O. Newhall, Mary E. Kimber, Ruth S. Murray, Alfred H. Jones, Esther D. Macomber, Anna F. Hall, Eliza E. Farr, Horace M. Hall, William P. Pinkham.

5. We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Cyrus Jones, Wm. P. Macomber, Lewis M. Douglas, Isaac Steere, Wm. H. Cates, Samuel Buffum, Levi Jones and Silas H. Cartland, a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present time, to propose a Friend for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, another for Treasurer of the Providence Boarding School Funds, and a third for Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute at Vassalboro.

6. During the past year, changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, as reported in their accounts, viz.:

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Exie Estes and Mary E. Kimber; with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in a similar acknowledgement of Elizabeth Anna Tucker, and with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joanna Peck to the station of Elder; with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah J. Macomber and Parthenia Underwood to the station of Elder; with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Valentine Meader to the station of Elder, and of six Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. The hour of holding the First-day Morning Meeting at Portsmouth, R. I., has been changed from 10.30 to

10 A. M. Providence Monthly Meeting will be held for another year at 3.30 P. M. on the last Seventh-day in each month, at Providence.

Salem Quarterly Meeting has united with Amesbury Monthly Meeting in the appointment of sixteen Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Samuel P. Hainesworth of Lawrence to the station of Elder, and with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of one Associate Member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Joseph H. Peele, a Minister, has removed from Salem Monthly Meeting to his former home in North Carolina Yearly Meeting. The hour of holding Salem Monthly Meeting is established as follows: At 7.30 P. M. from Fifth to Tenth months inclusive, and at 2.30 P. M. the remaining months, day and place as heretofore. The hour of holding Amesbury Monthly Meeting when it is held at Amesbury is changed from 10 to 10.15 A. M. Boston Monthly Meeting is held in Lawrence on Fifth-day following the first Sixth-day in the month in Second, Fifth, Seventh and Tenth months. Boston Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight is held at 6.30 P. M. on the day of Monthly Meeting wherever that may be held.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that Sandwich Monthly Meeting has appointed James E. Gifford Correspondent, in place of Joseph Ewer, deceased; address, West Falmouth, Mass. It has united with its Monthly Meetings in the appointment of forty-five members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting informs that Phebe R. Cartland and Elizabeth A. Douglas, Members and Elders of Durham Monthly Meeting, have been released from Membership.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George F. Varney to the station of Elder, and with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of six Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; also with Bolton Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Samuel Wheeler and Alfred Dow to the station of Elder, and three Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. The Mid-week Meeting at Bolton has been discontinued for the present.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with the appointment of twenty-one Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of J. Albert Jones and Ida C. Jones to the station of Elder. Vassalboro Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight is to be held continuously at East Vassalboro.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Julia E. Meader to the station of Elder, and with Berwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Albert C. Buffum, Huldah S. Buffum, Samuel Buffum and Almira B. Buffum to the same station. It has also united in the appointment of ten Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Lindley H. Magoon, and with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Wm. P. Winslow to the station of Elder, and with the appointment of three Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. The time of holding the mid-week meeting at Winthrop has been changed from Fourth-day at 2 P. M. to Fifth-day at 7 P. M.

Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth S. Hoag to the station of Elder.

7. Requests from Quarterly Meetings:

Dover Quarterly Meeting requests that the hour of holding the Quarterly Meeting at Dover in Fourth month be changed from 10.30 to 11 o'clock, which is granted and the change is made.

The same Quarterly Meeting requests that the Yearly Meeting consider the propriety of a change in the apportionment among the Quarterly Meetings of the sum of money to be raised. The matter is referred to the Representative to this Meeting.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting requests the Yearly Meeting to consider the matter of having our Quarterly Meetings represented in the Yearly Meeting on the basis of their membership.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting also asks that the Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting may be called Delegates, thus avoiding the confusion that arises from having a Representative Meeting and a Meeting of Representatives.

Both of these propositions are referred to the following committee: Augustine Jones, Benj. F. Trueblood, I. Warren Hawkes, J. Hacker Hall, Harriette D. Collins, Hannah J. Bailey, D. Wheeler Swift, Alvano C. Goddard, Phebe S. Aydelott, William O. Newhall, Ruth S. Murray and Almira B. Buffum.

8. We are informed that all our Quarterly Meetings have paid or directed their Treasurer to pay their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

9. The Representatives are requested to nominate two Friends for each of our Quarterly Meetings to constitute a Standing Committee on nominations to whom appointments shall be referred, care being taken to appoint such Friends as did not serve in a similar capacity last year, if practicable.

10. We appoint Charles W. Earle, Olney T. Meader, Hannah S. Wing. George H. Farr, Paul A. Randall, Henry H. Goddard, Asa C. Tuttle, Clara G. Bowery and John B. Cartland to prepare a summary of answers to the queries and present to a future sitting.

11. Adjourned to meet at four o'clock this afternoon.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

From Third Month 1st, 1896, to Third Month 1st, 1897.

	Statistics of Ministers, Elders and Associates.			Statistics of Membership.												Statistics of Children.						
	No. of Ministers.	No. of Elders.	No. of Associate Members.	No. of Members reported last year.	Error in last year's Report. — Gain.	Error in last year's Report. — Loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number of Members.	No. of Children between 4 and 12.	No. of Children between 12 and 21.	No attending School.	No. attending School taught or controlled by Friends.	No. between 12 and 21 attending School taught or controlled by Friends.	No. attend'g College.	No. attend'g Colleges controlled by Friends.
Rhode Island .	21	27	10	898	3	1	9	23	16	5	13	7	5		903	81	70	118	19	15	7	4
Salem	15	34	39	722	1		2	14	12	13	17	5			722	53	78	87	13	13	9	3
Sandwich . . .	14	16	43	536	3		1	16	3	10	2	12		29	507	78	42	42	17	12		
Falmouth . . .	21	36		609			9	8	9	7	30	26	7		616	67	58	77	13	6	2	1
Smithfield . . .	9	25	13	294	1		2	2	10	7	5	2	6		300	18	19	26	3	3	4	
Vassalboro . .	16	44	4	469			1	6	6	14	7	7		13	456	36	45	39	16	11	1	
Dover	6	14	12	181			1	6	3	7	6	2		5	176	13	18	31	7	7		
Fairfield . . .	12	35	20	648			4	9	2	10	48	7	28		676	43	51	67	10	10	4	1
Parsonsfield . .	5	6	5	144			1	3		2	1	1		4	140	17	14	13	6	4		
	119	237	146	4501	8	1	30	87	61	75	129	69	46	51	4496	406	395	500	104	81	27	9

Names of Ministers (Deceased).	Date of Death.	Age in Years, or in what Year of his Age.	Monthly Meetings to which they belonged.
Charles C. Varney	Twelfth Month 26th, 1896	54th year	Providence
Electa J. Collins	Tenth Month 18th, 1896	79th "	So. Kingston
Jehu Newlin	First Month 1st, 1897	79th "	Falmouth
Names of Elders (Deceased).			
Mary Clapp	Twelfth Month 18th, 1896	100th year	Greenwich
Benjamin A. Chace	Tenth Month 9th, 1896	77th "	Swansea
Joseph Anthony	Second Month 28th, 1897	80th "	Greenwich
Owen Dame	Tenth Month 28th, 1896	64th "	Salem
Joseph Ewer	Eleventh Month 5th, 1896	74th "	Sandwich
Mary A. Smith	Ninth Month 1st, 1895	88th "	New Bedford
Azubah Cannon	First Month 31st, 1897	90th "	New Bedford
Phebe P. Jones	Seventh Month 24th, 1896	77th "	Falmouth
Jane A. Varney	Eleventh Month 10th, 1896	76th "	Unity
Jane H Jones	Eighth Month 14th, 1896	85th "	Unity
Joseph M. Hanson	Fourth Month 29th, 1896	79th "	Dover
Lydia M. C. Tuttle	Ninth Month 17th, 1896	65th "	Dover
Jonas Butterfield	Second Month 4th, 1897	81st "	Sidney

12. Afternoon. The Meeting again assembled.

13. William O. Newhall, on behalf of the Representatives, presented the names of John Ellwood Paige for Clerk and Daniel C. Maxfield for Assistant Clerk; also of Alice C. Maxfield for Clerk and Deborah P. Atherton for Assistant Clerk of the Women's Meeting. The nominations as presented were duly considered and fully united with, and the Friends named are appointed to the respective services for the ensuing year.

14. The Representatives presented the names of the following Friends to constitute a nominating committee. The nominations are approved, viz.:

Chas. W. Earle, Exie Estes, Chas. H. Jones, Eliza A. Jones, Wm. P. Macomber, Elizabeth C. Ewer, J. Hacker Hall, Alice W. Hawkes, Isaac Steere, Mary A. Battey, Alfred H. Jones, Etta S. Cates, Samuel Buffum, Emeline H. Tuttle, Jos. E. Briggs, Elizabeth M. Hawkes, John B. Cartland, Elizabeth S. Hoag.

15. The committee having charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute have presented their report, showing conclusively that the institution is maintaining its well established character as a school of high grade. The religious tone of the school, as shown in the report, has been especially gratifying and encouraging. A proposition that the meeting assume the deficit, reported in the financial statement, viz.: $279.36, has been considered and united with, and our Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the above sum from the treasury of this meeting.

We gratefully acknowledge the kindness of our friend Chas. M. Bailey, in the proposed gift of the sum of $750.00, to be used for the expenses of the school.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE HAVING CHARGE OF OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The past year has been a very quiet and uneventful one in the history of Oak Grove. No event of especial interest has occurred either in the improvement of the school property or in connection with the management of the school. Apart from the religious work, the years' record has been simply that of a successful and well ordered school. In the boarding department the number of pupils has been larger than in previous years, but of day scholars there have been less, owing to a change in the arrangement of the public schools in town. It has been the effort of those in charge of the school to administer its discipline in love, and to give to the school the character of a happy Christian family. That the effort has been largely successful is evident to those of your committee who have been privileged to mingle with the pupils in the chapel, the school-room, the dining-room, and upon the play-ground, and note the spirit of contentment and happiness everywhere manifest. With a band of Christian teachers, whose lives as well as their words have testified of the grace of God, the religious character of the school has been fully sustained, all the pupils in the boarding department except three having given their hearts to Christ.

The morning and evening meetings on First-day, and also the mid-week meetings, have been regularly held in the new chapel, of which mention was made in our last report. This beautiful structure has become a veritable sanctuary to the members of the school family, and is more and more appreciated by them and by the friends of the school. The chapel was tastefully decorated for Commencement, and filled by an attentive audience as listeners to the graduating exercises. A class of ten earnest young Christians received the diploma of the school, having completed its course of study in a manner creditable to themselves and their instructors.

We thankfully record that the health of the school has been excellent, no serious case of sickness having occurred during the year.

The financial situation of the school is less satisfactory than we could wish. Owing to unfortunate investments in the West, more than half of what is called our permanent fund has become an expense instead of a source of income, thus seriously crippling the resources of the school. But we look hopefully to the future, trusting that He who has raised up generous friends for Oak Grove is still mindful of his plant on the banks of the Kennebec, and will water it in the time of its need.

The number of scholars for the year has been 108.

Boarders	65
Day Students	43

FACULTY AND OFFICERS.

WILBUR A. ESTES, A. B., Principal	Languages.
HARRIETTE D. COLLINS, Preceptress	History and English.
SYBIL STANLEY, B. S.	Mathematics and Science.
FREEMAN H. SANBORN	Commercial Department.
JENNIE E. REYNOLDS	Elocution.
EFFIE TRUEBLOOD	Instrumental Music.
JULIA B. ESTES	Primary Department.
HIEMPSAL WHITEHOUSE, Steward.	
MYRTIS B. WHITEHOUSE, Matron.	

Communications may be addressed to Wilbur A. Estes, A. B., Principal Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, Vassalboro, Maine.

For the Committee,

CHARLES M. BAILEY, *Chairman.*
I. WARREN HAWKES, *Secretary.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 11th, 1897.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

RECEIPTS.

By Balance from last year	$1,518 50	
Cash from Board and Tuition	6,180 20	
Interest on Endowment Fund	633 02	
Cash from Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer	525 00	
Cash from State Treasurer	800 00	
Cash from Rebate on Insurance	18 75	
Cash from Elonora S. Woodman	6 00	
		$9,681 47

EXPENDITURES.

To Salary Account	$1,976 60	
Wages	942 52	
Repairs and Renewals	455 61	
Provisions	2,081 78	
Scholarships	144 00	
Taxes	236 36	
Lights	99 34	
Fuel	682 66	
Incidentals	302 06	
Premium on Insurance	187 50	
Books, Stationery and Printing	709 61	
Error in balance due from H. H. Goddard, it being $10.53, instead of $299.36, as stated in last year's Report	288 83	
Cash paid C. I. Bailey, Trustee	727 08	
Cash paid Freight Charges and Express	59 68	
Error on account of note due Endowment Fund being placed with receipts on last year's Report	1,000 00	
		$9,893 63
		$212 16
Bills payable		67 20
Balance due Treasurer		$279 36

JOSEPH E. BRIGGS, *Treasurer.*

Sixth Month 12th, 1897.

16. The Committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence have presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory: In listening to the history of this Institution from year to year, as written in the Report of the Committee, we are more and more impressed with the generosity of the godly men whose faithful stewardship of the goods entrusted to them has founded and endowed this School, bringing blessing to the many who have come and may yet come under its influence.

REPORT OF PROVIDENCE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee in charge of the Providence School present this, their seventy-eighth Annual Report. This year, like many before it, has been very remarkable for the excellent health of the Family. For this favor we are thankful to our Father in Heaven, "in whom we live and move and have our being." Great harmony has prevailed in the Family during the year, and the usual thorough and satisfactory instruction has maintained the high standard of educational efficiency in the Institution. The religious life in the School has been a very encouraging feature of ever-increasing weight and felt necessity in the household. Every instructor in the house has, both by precept and example, given the weight of his or her influence in the direction of earnest, positive Christian living and activity. We cannot over-estimate the importance of these leading and guiding influences in giving the right direction to the young in their most impressive period, when the great choice of their lives is being made.

The recent improvements in light and ventilation have done very much indeed to increase the comfort of the Family, and to make the Home more attractive and fitted it more to its useful purpose. The girls now for the first time have their rooms properly heated, lighted and ventilated. This, with its many other advantages, ought to secure to the School an increased patronage. The demand for information about the School, even in the present financial disturbances in the world, has exceeded all former years, which indicates, we think, an increasing interest in it, and which must be of great service to it in the future.

A gymnasium, which should be complete, according to modern ideas, would greatly add to the equipment of the School, and in the opinion of the officers and students, is very much needed.

The School is larger than last year, we are thankful to notice, but it needs the aid of its friends in keeping its merits and its greatly increased facilities for education before the public in these years both of depression and fierce competition.

We are deeply impressed with the thought, as the years come and go, that hardly any other engagement in the wide field of service of the Yearly Meeting exceeds this one in importance or is more entitled to its sympathy and most hearty support.

The number of scholars for the year has been:

Boarders	152
Day Students	11
Art Students	23
Total	186

Officers of Government and Instruction.

Augustine Jones, A. M., LL. B., Principal	Political Science.
Philip E. Stanley, A. M., Governor	English Studies.
Evelyn Barrows, B. S., Preceptress	English Studies.
Thomas J. Battey, A. M.	Natural Science.

MARY E. RAWSON	Vocal and Instrumental Music.
SOPHIA L. PITMAN	Drawing and Painting.
WALTER S. MEADER, A. M.	Higher Mathematics.
HORATIO B. KNOX, A. M.	Greek and Latin.
CHARLES R. JACOB, A. B.	Modern Languages.
HELEN L. THOMAS, A. B.	History and Literature.
CHARLOTTE A. SLOCUM	English Studies.
GRACE W. THOMAS	Primary Department.
ELIZA D. GARDINER	Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
ALLEN W. WEEKS	Mechanical Arts.
JOSEPH M. NORTON, A. M.	English Studies and Calisthenics.
ROBERT BONNER	Instrumental Music.
EDITH L. HILL	Calisthenics for Girls.
SIDNEY R. BURLEIGH	Special in Water Colors.
GIDEON G. CONGDON	Special in Mechanical Drawing.
JULES RUERAT, L. P.	Conversation in French.
BERTHA F. TUCKER	Tutor in German.
CHARLES E. COBB	Secretary and Book-keeper.
MABEL STOKES	Librarian.
LECTURER.	
THOMAS J. BATTEY, A. M.	Natural Science.

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the School per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund, $75. Credit to a member of another Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same fund, of $25. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $75. The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, or German, of $10: for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one-half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

PROVIDENCE, Fifth Month 25th, 1897.

NOTE.—The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 8th, 1897, and the Spring Term begins Second Month 2nd, 1898. Application for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee Eighth Month 3rd, 1897.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Eighth Month 3rd, 1897.

Applications should be sent to the Principal: Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.

STATEMENT OF PROVIDENCE SCHOOL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEVENTH MONTH 1st, 1896.

To the Yearly Meeting's Committee:

RESOURCES.

General Fund Scholarships	$5,500 00	
Charitable " "	2,250 00	
S. T. Olney Fund "	2,045 00	
E. Fry " "	1,500 00	
E. Cattel " "	150 00	
Day School Tuition	880 32	
Auxiliary Studies	2,209 37	
Students' Accounts	27,960 39	
Balance	2,327 86	
		$44,822 94

EXPENDITURES.

Salary Account	$17,096 75	
Wages	10,648 64	
Provisions	8,223 84	
Repairs and Renewals	2,958 67	
Fuel and Light	2,479 68	
Water	646 72	
Advertising	1,298 96	
Library	245 84	
Paper and Periodicals	33 04	
Incidentals	138 25	
Improvements	576 51	
Debts Considered Bad	476 04	
		$44,822 94

ROBERT P. GIFFORD,
CHARLES SISSON, } *For the Auditors.*

REPORT OF REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Real Estate Committee have made sales of land as follows:

1896, Seventh Month 11th, Received for 5,000 Square Feet	$1,500 00	
1896, Seventh Month 24th, Received for 13,400 Square Feet	5,320 00	
1896, Eleventh Month 12th, Received on Account of Sale of 10,000 Square Feet, Deed not yet Delivered, but in escrow	2,500 00	
		$9,320 00

CONTRA.

1896, Seventh Month 11th and 24th, Paid Commissions .	$56 60	
1896, Ninth Month 26th, Paid for Additional sewer in Alumni Avenue	269 86	
1897, First Month 15th, Paid Surveyor's Bill	18 90	
		$345 36
		$8,974 64
Balance Paid to the Treasurer of Friends School Funds		$8,974 64

For the Real Estate Committee,

J. H. CHACE, *Custodian.*
ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Clerk.*

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Fifth Month 24th, 1897.

17. The Committee on Education presented their report, showing some work done in the encouraging of our young people to make the best of all that has been given them. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

In addition to a public meeting at Newport, at Yearly Meeting time, arranged for by the Committee of 1895, which was addressed by President Isaac Sharpless, of Haverford, Rufus M. Jones and several others, an enthusiastic and helpful meeting was held at Lawrence, Eighth Month 2d, 1896, addressed by Alice B. Paige, J. Ellwood Paige and George A. Barton. Several of the Lawrence Friends responded, expressing their satisfaction with the encouragement and information given. That good resolutions were stimulated is proven by an application of one person to borrow some money to help to get a better education.

The conference Eighth Month 15th, at Saylesville, R. I., was so planned as to interest the children in the forenoon and hold a friendly conference with parents in the afternoon, with general public addresses in the evening. The morning program was carried out by Alice B. Paige and Emma Pinkham; Thomas Battey gave a lesson on kerosene oil, and Samuel Austin told them about the whale fisheries of Nantucket. Alice B. Paige read a paper in the afternoon on "The Advantages of Education to Women." Augusta Battey read an excellent paper to the mothers, while Emma Pinkham spoke as a mother in an earnest tender way. Susan Peckham and some others added a helpful thought. In the evening, Thomas Battey read a valuable short paper on "Self-Made Men." Prof. Seth K. Gifford had the principal evening address, making a complete appeal for education. The audience was larger than in the day time.

The attentive, intelligent company of young people made one wish to speak helpful words in an impressive, emphatic way. More persons would probably have attended the meetings if intelligent house to house visitation and invitation had preceded. Quiet, personal interest in individual cases would reveal pathetic earnest longing, and relief and advice would tide over a hard spot in early life and avert imminent danger of failure. There is good foundation for Christian character in unselfishness and innate desire to be useful, which a good education would develop, and association with men and women of culture and trained intellect would uplift into an atmosphere where ambitions would be perfected in service to humanity and for God.

We wish to suggest that an appropriation of $200 be granted your Committee for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Committee.

ANNA F. HALL, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance from last year	$35 89	
Received from twelve Monthly Meetings	40 96	
		$76 85
PAYMENTS.		
Expenses of Meetings at Lawrence and Saylesville		$10 86
Balance on hand		$65 99

J. E. PAIGE, *Treasurer.*

LYNN, Sixth Month 8th, 1897.

18. The Clerks are hereby directed to procure the printing of 2600 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting, together with a directory revised to date.

19. Adjourned to meet in joint session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

20. Seventh-day morning 12th. Met pursuant to adjournment.

21. Epistles from Dublin and New York Yearly Meetings have been read.

22. The reports of the Committee on Gospel Work and the Church Extension Board have been presented and jointly considered. We feel that the work of these Committees has been greatly blessed during the past year. We wish to urge upon the minds of our membership the duty, as well as the blessed privilege, of providing the necessary means for carrying on the work of these Committees. When the question of safe and profitable investment presents itself to us, let us ask ourselves "How much owest thou to my Lord?" and see to it that the debt is discharged, in so far as a ready and spontaneous willingness may do it.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In reviewing the events of the year now past, the Committee humbly acknowledge the goodness of our Divine Leader. We gratefully recall how signally his blessing has rested upon the work. While we mourn over the many failures and lost opportunities, we are comforted in the knowledge that loyalty to Christ and the Church has characterized every effort. In presenting the report we can only touch upon the work done.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. Frank E. Jones, Superintendent. All the meetings composing the Quarterly Meeting have been visited. Seven series of meetings held, consisting of one hundred meetings. Admitted to membership, nineteen. Conversions and renewals, thirty-five reported. One thousand visits made.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. Salome C. Wheeler, Superintendent Two series of meetings comprising twenty-two meetings. Seventy family visits held. Eighteen conversions and renewals. While this Quarterly Meeting has not increased in its membership there is encouraging evidence of a growth in grace.

Salem Quarterly Meeting. Charles H. Thorndike, Superintendent. Many meetings held, number not reported. One particular meeting reports Sabbath afternoon meetings held for four months, attended by ministers from out of town. The report adds that the interest and attendance exceeds anything known at any previous meetings.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. Susan T. Thompson, Superintendent. The year past has proved one of real profit to several meetings of the Quarterly Meeting. Series of meetings held at Sandwich, Smith's Neck, New Bedford, Mattapoiset and Long Plain. Number of meetings comprising them, forty-three. Family visits, one hundred and twenty-seven. Members received, three.

Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting. Silas H. Cartland, Superintendent. All meetings have been visited, mostly without continued service. Seventy family visits have been made. Forty-five extra meetings. Some conversions and renewals. Meetings reported in a healthy condition, considerably larger and increased in interest.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting. Linwood W. Jones, Superintendent. Four meetings visited. Three series of meetings held, one of forty-five meetings, one, thirty-one, and one, eighty-two. Total, one hundred and fifty-eight meetings. The meetings were held at East Vassalboro, South China and Weeks Mills. Family visits, one hundred. Professed conversions and renewals, fifty-three. Members received, eleven.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting. George H. Farr, Superintendent. Number of meetings visited, two, Windham and Durham. One series of meetings consisting of forty meetings. Professed conversions, eight, renewals, thirty.

Dover Quarterly Meeting. Emeline H. Tuttle, Superintendent. No report given in figures, but we learn from some of the members of that Quarterly

Meeting that the meetings are in a better state than they have been for years. They are encouraged by the interest that their young people take in their own Church. They believe there is an open door for Christian workers

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting. Horace M. Hall, Superintendent. The past year has been a prosperous one. Gospel tent meetings held early in the year were crowned with success in building up the Church spiritually and in numbers. Our small and weak meetings greatly blessed. One meeting received a score of members. Ten series of meetings held, consisting of three hundred and eight meetings. Family visits, one thousand four hundred and sixty-three. Conversions and renewals, two hundred and thirty-five. Members received, sixty-eight.

Words or figures are inadequate to place before the Yearly Meeting the faithful service rendered by some members of this Committee in the capacity of pastors in their several meetings. Eternity alone can reveal the results of their arduous labors.

One very encouraging feature of the work this year is the increased zeal and almost unremitting toil of our resident ministers and other workers in their home and monthly meetings.

The Committee recommend that the work be continued under the care of a similar committee. We ask that two thousand dollars be placed at their disposal for carrying on this important work.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

Series of Meetings	29
Number of Meetings held	611
Number of Meetings visited	20
Family visits	2,835
Conversions and Renewals	379
Received into Membership	113

For the Committee,

HARRIETTE D. COLLINS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK

RECEIPTS.

By Balance from last year	$229 96
By Cash from J. E. Paige, Treasurer, Salem Monthly Meeting	86 65
By Cash from C. A. Chace, Treasurer, Swansea Monthly Meeting	70 00
By Cash from J. Augustus Davis, Treasurer, Amesbury Monthly Meeting	8 00
By Cash from William Hoag, Treasurer, Boston Monthly Meeting	68 80
By Cash from W. H. Aldrich, Treasurer, Smithfield Monthly Meeting	16 65
By Cash from H. E. Babcock, Treasurer, Bolton Monthly Meeting	6 00

By Cash from James A. Gifford, Treasurer, Westport Monthly Meeting	20 00	
By Cash from R. P. Gifford, Treasurer, Providence Monthly Meeting	9 00	
By Cash from Eva M. Babcock, Treasurer, Uxbridge Monthly Meeting	56 00	
By Cash from L. H. Osborne, Treasurer, Weare Monthly Meeting	26 00	
By Cash from Philip A. Cornell, Dartmouth Monthly Meeting	11 90	
By Cash from Elizabeth C. Ewer, Treasurer, Sandwich Monthly Meeting	3 00	
By Cash from E. A. Bailey, Treasurer, Winthrop Monthly Meeting	15 00	
By Cash from Ezra Hawkes, Treasurer, Falmouth Monthly Meeting	10 00	
By Cash from Wm. A. Jones, Treasurer, China Monthly Meeting	2 00	
By Cash from J. S. Anthony, Treasurer, Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	14 20	
By Cash from E. J. Collins	25 00	
By Cash from A. F. Morse	1 00	
By Cash returned by Salome C. Wheeler	40 00	
		$719 16

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid out	588 15
Balance in treasury	$131 01
Money expended in Gospel work which did not come into the hands of the Treasurer	768 50
	588 15
Total amount expended	$1,356 65

JOSEPH E. BRIGGS, *Treasurer.*

Sixth Month 12th, 1897.

REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING;

Events of the past year indicate that the Church Extension Board is occupying a constantly-increasing sphere of usefulness in the work of the Yearly Meeting. Indeed its effectiveness may be said to be limited only by the amount of funds placed at its disposal.

Immediately after its appointment a year ago the Board met for organization by the choice of the usual officers, including an Executive Committee. During the year there have been three meetings of the full Board, and the Executive Committee has had frequent meetings as occasion required. Early in the year a brief circular letter was prepared, of which nearly four hundred copies were sent out, soliciting individual contributions to our work. Over date of First Month 11th, 1897, a second letter was sent out, setting forth our needs and soliciting a special collection from every meeting in the Yearly Meeting. In response to this the sum of $172.30 was received by our Treasurer from twenty meetings. During the year, the Treasurer has received from all sources the sum of $401.30, of which the total amount has been expended in ways mentioned below, including incidental expenses for printing, postage, etc.

The condition and claims of the work at Meaderboro, N. H., have received consideration during the year, and while no money has been expended as during the previous year towards current expenses at this place, a pledge has been made to render assistance in remodeling their meeting-house, which the Friends at Meaderboro expect to accomplish this summer. For this purpose the Board has set aside from its funds the sum of $180.38, to be used as soon as circumstances warrant.

Correspondence has been had during the year with the Friends at Hallowell, Me. This Meeting is in need of assistance, but local conditions have appeared to be such that we could not meet their needs with our present resources.

The Meeting at Sidney, Me., has been under consideration through the year, and the sum of $115 has been contributed towards the support of the work there.

An appeal for assistance was received from the meeting at Windham, Me., and the sum of $50 has been contributed there.

The sum of $25 has also been sent to the Friends of the Coventry Meeting at Anthony, R. I., to assist them in their gospel work.

An appeal has been received on behalf of the Meeting at St. Albans, Me. It appears that this Meeting is in a flourishing condition, with a number of accessions to membership during the year, and steps have been taken towards building a new meeting-house. While the Board was forced to conclude that with our limited resources no way appeared to render assistance this year except to the amount of $17.12, specially contributed for that work, it is hoped that during the coming year we may be able to do something in that direction.

In conclusion we need only say that if the Board could have a larger amount of funds at its disposal annually many meetings could receive needed help and much good be accomplished. That the field of work for the Board is important no one will question, and we hope the day may come when the resources for extending its usefulness will be ample to meet the demands made upon it.

On behalf of Committee,

BENJAMIN F. TRUEBLOOD, *Chairman.*
GEORGE L. CROSMAN, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

Dr.

Individual donations	$229 00
Contributions from twenty meetings in New England	172 30
Total	$401 30

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Meeting at Sidney, Me.	$115 00
Meeting at Windham, Me.	50 00
Meeting at Coventry, R. I.	25 00
St. Alban's Meeting-House	17 12
Travelling expenses of Executive Committee	8 00
Printing	4 50
Postage on Circulars	1 30
Balance appropriated for Rochester Meeting-House	180 38
Total	$401 30

THOMAS WOOD, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, Sixth Month 10th, 1897.

23. The answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a minute of that Meeting, have been read and are as follows, viz.:

SUMMARY ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES OF THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.

1. With little exception we are careful in attending our Meetings for worship and discipline, and to promote the attendance of our familtes.

2. We are in good measure united one with another and to the Meetings to which we belong, endeavoring to labor together in gathering to Christ.

3. We believe most of our members are frequently engaged in searching the Holy Scriptures with an earnest desire to arrive at a right understanding of their contents; careful not to misquote or misapply them.

MINUTE OF THE MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

While the Queries with their Answers were under consideration the Meeting was introduced into a very deep and profitable spiritual exercise, and much pertinent and helpful counsel was given.

The necessity of faithfulness in the attendance of our business meetings as well as our meetings for worship on First-days and in the middle of the week was pressed upon us. The business of the Church is the Lord's business, and must at all times be made first in our interest and attention. It needs the spiritually-minded membership to conduct it in a manner which will be to the glory of the Lord and will tend to the strengthening and enlargement of the Church. If the members of this body manifest a lack of interest in the business of the Church, the effect of their example and influence will be painfully felt by the body at large, and the Church under such circumstances cannot prosper as she should.

When everything is consecrated to the Lord, it will not be difficult to make first things first. We need, however, to remember that the profession of consecration will avail nothing without the experience. The lookers-on are able to judge very accurately by our lives and conversation where our treasure is; for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Our duty to those who may be converted through our instrumentality was also dwelt upon. As a church organization we are not only called to the work of turning men to Christ, but we should provide them a church home where they may be instructed, edified, fed and used in their turn to help others.

A Church that fails thus to provide for children must eventually dwindle and die. Let us then say to the hungry multitudes without a church home: "Come with us and we will do you good."

Intense energy and intense activity should ever characterize us as a body. It is of the utmost importance that we should work together in harmony. Our consecration should be so perfect that the methods our Lord is pleased to bless in the prosecution of His work would cause no anxiety.

The seeking of personal comfort and ease can never be the business of the Christian. In the midst of so much sin and consequent suffering we are called to lives of self-denying service as Christ's representatives. Wherever we find humanity, however low or degraded, we find a soul for whom Christ died and whom we are to strive to reclaim. Not only the ministers, but every individual member of the Church has a part and lot in the matter. It takes the whole Church to preach the whole Gospel.

Our children ought to be so instructed and so influenced that they will love our Society and will be loyal to it. Work should be provided for them in the Church and connected with its interests. In this way they will become more closely identified with us; and as one after another fathers and mothers pass away, their places will be filled by children well qualified to receive the inheritance and to occupy it to the glory of God.

CHARLES H. JONES, *Clerk.*

24. Adjourned to meet at three o'clock this afternoon.

25. Afternoon. Met at the hour appointed.

26. Epistles from Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada, Kansas, Wilmington and Oregon Yearly Meetings were read, also an epistle from the Monthly Meeting in Ramallah. We have also received a circular epistle from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting which has been read, receipt of which the Clerk is directed to acknowledge.

27. The Committee on Foreign Missions presented their report, which is interesting and encouraging. The work at the Eli and Sybil Jones Mission at Ramallah is evidently receiving judicious care under the management of our dear friends Timothy B. and Anna M. Hussey, and we have great satisfaction in the present condition of the Mission and great faith in its future. We gratefully acknowledge the protecting care of our Heavenly Father, who has thus far allowed no harm to come to the Mission or those engaged in it. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Foreign Missions would thankfully record a year of much prosperity, as will appear from the report of our friends Timothy B. and Anna M. Hussey, who have been so faithfully caring for the work at Ramallah, until more permanent arrangements could be made.

In response to the appeal of the Committee in the American Friend and Missionary Advocate, two young Friends presented themselves for the positions of Superintendent and Matron, Wilfred Rowntree and his wife Della D. Rowntree, formerly members of Kansas Yearly Meeting, but now belonging to New England Yearly Meeting as members of New Bedford Monthly Meeting. They furnished good credentials from their Meeting, and also from the business firm by whom Wilfred Rowntree had been employed. The Committee took time for earnest and prayerful consideration of this important subject. The credentials and letters from Friends in Kansas were carefully examined, and after waiting upon the Lord were unanimous in the opinion that His hand was in the proposal, and the Friends were accepted.

The Committee felt it was very desirable that these young people should be at the Mission for some time under the wise and careful direction of Timothy and Anna Hussey. They have therefore sailed for Palestine, and we hope soon to hear of their safe arrival.

For a detailed account of the work at Ramallah, we refer to the report of our Friends now laboring there.

To the Committee on Foreign Missions of New England Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:

A year of blessing, health, and prosperity has attended our missionary work since last year's report, for all of which we are most devoutly thankful.

In reporting the secular work, we will briefly say that on our arrival here last year our first duties were to put the Mission buildings and grounds in excellent order.

The house was cleansed and whitewashed, all the wood work, inside and out, thoroughly repaired and painted, the old chairs in the parlor removed to the front hall, painted and replaced by new ones; fifty fruit and ornamental trees planted and those on the grounds well trimmed, flat stone walks laid where needed, the old well buckets replaced by a new modern pump, loose stones gathered up, thus giving the premises an air of neatness and thrift.

A much-needed building for laundry and other purposes, 24 x 26 feet with an ell 12 x 16 feet, has been erected on the northerly end of our Mission grounds, and an American wind motor nearly completed for pumping water over the premises.

New stone and mortar walls have been built in the most needy places, to protect our property. Land for a large vegetable garden was thoroughly prepared, and the Mission is already reaping the fruits in an abundant supply of healthful vegetables.

Having recently been instructed by our Executive Board to proceed as the Government may allow towards the erection of the long-contemplated addition to our Mission buildings, we have immediately contracted with a reliable man to furnish 11,000 building stones, of quality, size and finish of those in our present house, together with all the stones for doors and windows, cut, hammered, finished and delivered in four months ready for the masons.

The officers and helpers in the employ of the Mission are:

KATIE GABRIEL, Head Teacher in the Training Home.
JENNIE HISHMEH and ANESIA MALOUF, Assistants.
HANNAH NUSR, Teacher in Hope School, Ramallah.
AFFEEFIE FARAGELLA, Assistant in Hope School.
MALAKIE ISTFAN, Teacher in Northern School, Ramallah.
NAZAH RODESLIE, Teacher in Western School, Ramallah.
KARMA GIBRAN, Teacher in Jiffneh School.
RACKOOT KIRDAHIE, Teacher in Ophra School.
HELANIE TOTAH, Teacher in Ain Areek School.
PHILIP MALOUF, M. D., Mission Physician.
ELIAS AUDI, Medical Dispenser.
MARTHA NUSR and EMILIE AUDI, Bible Readers.
NICOLA, Man Servant. IM SALEEM, Cook.

We have had in the Training Home the present year, in constant attendance, twenty-two pupils. One of our former pupils, whose parents had removed North, found a good school in her vicinity and did not return to us. Another who was very ill last year returned to the School at the opening in the autumn, but was soon found not strong enough to continue and left, taking her sister with her, thus leaving three vacancies. These vacancies were immediately filled and two others admitted, making five new scholars, all very bright promising young girls.

The health of both officers and pupils during the year has been excellent, and good advancement has been made, we believe, in every department of the Training Home work.

Under the care of our efficient teachers, the pupils, as heretofore, enjoy the benefits of a thorough course of study in the elementary branches, both in Arabic and English, and careful instruction in the Bible is daily given to all. Much care is taken to teach them to sew, to mend, and to darn very neatly and to knit their own stockings. They are also taught ornamental needlework, crochetting, etc., and receive regular and systematic training in the various departments of household work.

The Peace Meeting, conducted for several years entirely by the pupils themselves, is still coutinued with unabated interest, and all who are privileged to attend it as visitors are impressed with the ease and good order with which it is carried on, and the helpful and interesting character of its exercises.

A Christian Endeavor Society, numbering twenty-two active members, has recently been organized in the Training Home. Its membership embraces all the older pupils, together with our entire band of teachers in the Home and Day Schools of Ramallah. The interest and spiritual life manifest in the meetings of the Society give us much assurance that this organization will prove a means of strength and encouragement to its members in their lives of active service for the Master.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

There has been much less sickness the past year in Ramallah than usual, especially among children, and it is attributable in large measure to a little more cleanliness.

Our Mission workers have been indefatigable in their labors to bring about this desirable change, and while there is great need for more labor in this direction, we are glad to note even this little improvement.

In the early part of the year we had a few patients admitted to the Hospital, since which time we have had no prolonged illness.

We have had in the one hundred ten Clinic days fifteen hundred and twenty-seven patients. Of these, twelve hundred and thirty-four were afflicted with eye diseases.

One hundred and eighty surgical operations have been performed, most of them successful.

Eight hundred and seventy-two patients have been visited in their homes, and twenty-seven hundred prescriptions have been filled.

Of the six-day schools now under the charge of the Mission, three are in the village of Ramallah, one each in the villages of Jiffneh, Ophra and Ain Areek. Thus about two hundred little girls are brought under the instruction of Christian teachers. We have in these schools four of our own graduates or young women who have been trained in this Institution, and our experience is that these thus taught are making our best teachers.

We would thankfully acknowledge the receipt from Ellen W. Longstreth, Treasurer, from the Haverford branch of the W. F. M. A. of Philadelphia, the following amounts, viz.:

Tenth Month 1st, 1896 . . .	$25 00	for the purchase of books.
Twelfth Month 29th, 1896 . .	50 00	for medical work.
Fifth Month 6th, 1897 . . .	74 00	for medical work, and
	5 00	for the education of a child in a day school.
Total	$154 00	

These amounts were sent directly to the Mission without passing through the hands of the Treasurer.

Our work among the women of Ramallah, through Mothers' Meetings and home visiting, is going on with increasing interest and blessing. And the willingness on the part of native women to receive our Bible Readers has awakened us to the great importance of placing an additional worker in this field, the need and opportunity for such service being far greater than our one Bible woman heretofore thus engaged can possibly supply.

In view of these facts, it is with deep gratitude and heartfelt praise, that we have received from the editor of the "Zion's Watchman" the generous donation, contributed by himself and patrons, of the sum of $325.00, with the desire expressed that it be expended in the support of Bible Readers.

Thus God has not only opened us the doors for service, but has in a very remarkable way supplied the means for His workers to enter these open doors bearing the tidings of salvation to hundreds of ignorant, sad-hearted women in Palestine.

With means thus supplied, we have been able to secure another Bible Reader, who for some months has been laboring earnestly in the homes of Ramallah, and from her report we have selected the following extracts. She writes:

"While it is heart-breaking at times to witness the degradation, superstition and ignorance of the people, especially of the women, it is interesting to be among them and learn about their ways and manners, which seem to have been handed down to them from the days of Noah.

"With great delight they listen attentively to the Scriptures when read to them, and they have great confidence in those who present the Gospel to them.

"A woman once wanted to tell me her troubles, saying: 'You are not an enemy to reproach me.' Although this woman cannot read a word and knows nothing of the Bible, yet we find almost her exact expression in the 55th Psalm.

"Another, when shown it was wrong for her to hate her neighbor and refuse to speak to her as she had long been doing, Christ's example being brought especially before her, said at once she would forgive her enemy, and then went and kissed her.

"A few days ago, in one of our Mothers' Meetings, a woman asked if Christ sees all our doing and knows of the sins we commit; and when taught that He sees and knows everything, she replied: "'I did not think God noticed such things.'"

A short time ago a dear girl in one of our Day Schools sickened and died. She was a Christian and tried to live up to the truth she had been taught in school. One of our Bible Readers visited her often. She writes:

"I interpreted to this dear girl the beautiful prayer which Mrs. H. offered at her bedside the day she died, which she understood and which was a great comfort to her and to those around her dying bed.

"The next day the mother said to me she believed her daughter was with Jesus; and when told if she would love our Saviour and do His will she would some day meet her loved one again, she expressed great surprise at this and seemed very serious and thoughtful."

Many other touching incidents are continually coming to us in this line of our Christian work.

Our First-day Meetings and Bible Schools are well attended.

The devout and earnest attention invariably given throughout the exercises of our Meetings for worship, evince a sense of God's presence and power, and a true desire on the part of these needy people to worship Him according to the light they have received.

Prayer, praise and thanksgiving are often voiced among the native members, and simple testimony given of God's goodness to them.

With love respectfully submitted,

T. B. & A. M. HUSSEY.

RAMALLAH, Fifth Month 10th, 1897.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

AMOUNT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSION WORK FOR THE YEAR ENDING SIXTH MONTH 1ST, 1897.

From Gulielma M. S. Jones	$5 00
G. H. and R. L. Gifford	10 00
Isaac Steere and Wife	3 00
Gulielma Freeborn	1 00
Elizabeth Bentz, Columbus, Ohio	5 00
J. Walter Malone	5 00
Foxvale Missionary Society, by Mrs. Charles C. Wilbur, Treasurer, for Support of Ain Areek School	150 00
Pupils at Friends' School, by Augustine Jones	52 25
Huldah Gifford	16 00
Collection at Meaderboro, by Wm. V. Ware	5 00
Ellen Collins, New York	20 00
Legacy from S. J. Henley Estate, by Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer of Yearly Meeting	700 00
Maria T. Willis	11 10
Susan M. Seabury	25 00
Clara D. Willits, Moorestown, N. J.	10 00
E. L. Haworth, California, by Rufus M. Jones	3 50
W. F. M. Society of Free Baptist Church, Saco, Maine, by Clara C. Binford	5 00

From C. C. Binford		5 00
W. F. M. S. of California Yearly Meeting for "North School," by Eva S. Keese, Treasurer		75 00
Westport Mission Band, by Mary E. Taylor		28 24
Martha C. Swan and Sisters, for "Hope" School		50 00
Martha C. Swan, Mite-Box		5 00
Isadora Fresham, Des Moines, Iowa		10 00
New York and Brooklyn Christian Endeavor Societies, by Charles W. Lawrence, for "Western" School		150 00
Friends' Sewing Circle, Maple Grove, Maine, by S. S. Harlow, Secretary		5 00
Friends in Estacado, Texas, by C. Holmes		5 00
Samuel Miles, Monkton, Vt.		5 00
W. F. M. S. of Purchase Quarterly Meeting for "Ophra" School, by Amy L. Griffin, Treasurer		100 00
Phebe S. Sherman, by R. S. Murray		5 00
Elizabeth Bailey, by S. T. Thompson		1 00
Y. P. S. C. E., by Nellie M. Hussey, Miss. Superintendent		20 10
Friends' Junior C. E. Society, Poughkeepsie, by Caroline M. Ferris, Superintendent		100 00
Teachers and Pupils of Oak Grove School during 1895-96, by Mrs. W. A. Estes		70 00
Baltimore Foreign Mission Com., for "Jiffneh" School, by Katherine M. Brevett, Treasurer		140 00
Also in Appreciation of Photographs of the School		20 00
Jennie Allyn, for "Hope" School		50 00
Elizabeth S. Fisher, Boston		65 00
Friends' Junior C. E. Society, Boston, by Anna S. Wood, Missionary Superintendent		5 00
Interest from Permanent Fund in Bank		80 80
Interest on Deposits in Quinsigamond National Bank		11 41
Interest on Building Fund		87 50
By Susan H. Meader, Treasurer W. F. M. S., Support of 20 Girls at Training Home		1,300 00
From W. F. M. S., Indiana Yearly Meeting, for Medical Department		50 00
Manchester Juvenile Band		5 00
Elizabeth M. Hawkes		5 00
Eunice A. Greene		5 00
Portland Auxiliary		5 00
The "King's Children," Winthrop Centre		25 00
By Mary M. Post:—		
For Lucy Carpenter	$10 00	
For Helen M. Aldrich	5 00	
For Caroline Smith	5 00	
For East Side Mission, New York	36 00	
		56 00

FROM MONTHLY MEETINGS.

Winthrop Monthly Meeting, E. A. Bailey, Treas.	33 92
Salem Monthly Meeting, J. Ellwood Paige, Treas.	76 75
New Bedford Monthly Meeting, A. W. Holmes, Treas.	77 60
Amesbury Monthly Meeting, J. A. Davis, Treas.	6 25
Swansea Monthly Meeting, C. A. Chace, Treas.	44 00
Smithfield Monthly Meeting, W. H. Aldrich, Treas.	25 40
Boston Monthly Meeting, Wm. Hoag, Treas.	75 42
Westport Monthly Meeting, J. A. Gifford, Treas.	10 00
Dover Monthly Meeting, G. I. Jenness, Treas.	10 00
Sandwich Monthly Meeting, E. C. Ewer, Treas.	34 00
Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, E. M. Babcock, Treas.	120 00
Providence Monthly Meeting, R. P. Gifford, Treas.	104 50
Greenwich Monthly Meeting, C. W. Earle, Treas.	22 55
Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, J. S. Anthony, Treas.	10 00
Weare Monthly Meeting, L. H. Osborne, Treas.	15 00
Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, P. A. Cornell, Treas.	1 60
Falmouth Monthly Meeting, Ezra Hawkes, Treas.	12 75
China Monthly Meeting, W. A. Jones, Treas.	2 15
Bolton Monthly Meeting, H. E. Babcock, Treas.	11 35

FROM BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Edgebrook Bible School, R. E. Allison, Treas., Yardville, N. J.	5 00
Meaderboro Bible School, G. I. Jenness, Treas.	5 00
New Bedford Bible School, S. M. Seabury's Class	5 00
Lynn Bible School, A. M. Dame, Treas	5 00
Woonsocket Bible School, E. T. Read, Treas.	65 00
Allen's Neck Bible School, L. L. Akin, Treas.	9 50
Northbridge Bible School, by S. C. Wheeler	7 00
Gonic Bible School, D. F. Jenness, Treas.	16 25
Fall River Bible School, Primary and Intermediate Classes, by Lillian Baldwin	1 07
Bolton Bible School, Alfred Dow, Treas.	3 55
Smith's Neck Bible School, P. A. L. Smith, Treas.	5 00
Worcester Bible School, by S. J. Swift, Treas	15 00
Windham Bible School, by A. H. Ayer, Treas.	5 00
Acushnet Bible School, by A. V. Wilbur, Treas.	5 00

EXPENDED.

6th	Mo. 26.	Paid Eastman Bros. & Bancroft, Cloth for Mission	10 48
"	" 24.	Loring, Short & Harmon, Books for Mission	1 62
"	" 24.	Morse & Whyte, Wire	1 00
"	" 24.	Express	1 00
"	" 27.	Balance of Travelling Expenses of T. B. Hussey, and for General Expenses of Mission	153 46
8th	" 26.	Sent to Ramallah, by T. B. Hussey, for Improvements in Walls and Buildings, by direction of the Committee	2,000 00

9th	“	25.	Paid to H. H. Leighton in full Settlement	531 73
8th	“	15.	Geo. C. Herbert & Co., 1,000 Reports	17 00
“	“	19.	H. J. Bailey & Co., White Cotton for Mission	8 37
9th	“	24.	Ellen M. Jones, Balance due her	328 83
11th	“	2.	For London Draft for Mission, £150 sterling	724 50
12th	“	8.	Freight Bill and Insurance on Wind Mill	34 30
“	“	8.	Publishing Association of Friends' “Quarterlies,” etc., for the Mission	7 30
“	“	23.	London Draft for Mission, £100 sterling	486 50
1st	“	19.	U. S. Wind Engine and Pump Co., Batavia, Ill.	69 51
2d	“	10.	London Draft for Mission, £100 sterling	486 00
3d	“	31.	Wilfred Rowntree for Travelling Expenses	343 95
4th	“	15.	London Draft, £150 sterling for Mission	730 87
5th	“	11.	Hannah J. Bailey, Missionaries' Expenses, from Winthrop, Me. to New York	22 60
5th	“	13.	London Draft for Mission, £150 sterling	730 72
“	“	13.	For Postage Stamps	3 50
4th	“	20.	S. H. Meader, Treasurer W. F. M. S.	21 76

RECEIPTS, SIXTH MONTH 2nd, 1897.

Total Amount Received from all Subscriptions		$3,651 77	
From S. J. Henley Legacy		700 00	
From Strafford Bank, Building Fund		2,000 00	
Borrowed from Strafford Bank, Building Fund	$531 73		
Borrowed Interest on Building Fund	87 50	619 23	
			$6,971 00

EXPENDED.

Total Amount Expended	$6,715 00	
Balance in Quinsigamond National Bank, Worcester	256 00	
		$6,971 00

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PERMANENT AND BUILDING FUND, SIXTH MONTH 2nd, 1897.

In New Bedford Five Cent Savings Bank, Permanent Fund	$2,000 00		
One Note on Interest, 5 per cent., Building Fund	4,000 00		
One Note on Interest, 5 per cent., Building Fund	1,500 00		
In Mechanics' Savings Bank, Worcester, Transferred from Strafford Bank	402 92		
		$7,902 92	
Accrued Interest from Strafford Bank (Received Fourth Month 16th)		13 17	
			$7,916 09

SARAH J. SWIFT, *Treasurer.*

28. The Report of the Committee on Western Indians has been read. The work among the red men, always dear to our people, is going on, and we rejoice at the openness among this unfortunate race to receive the truth. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

The annual meeting of the Associated Executive Committee on Indian affairs was held at Germantown, Pa., the 12th and 13th of Fifth Month, 1897.

One delegate from New England was present. Edward M. Wistar, Chairman of the Committee, recently visited all the Mission Stations under the care of Friends, and brought back to us much encouraging and valuable information. Our work is confined mostly within the limits of Quapaw agency, in the north-eastern part of Indian Territory, and in the Sac and Fox Agency in Oklahoma Territory. The first missionary work under the care of the Associated Executive Committee was in Quapaw Agency and in the Ottawa Nation, where many sons and daughters were gathered to Christ. As a result of this faithful and earnest beginning, many of the Indians have a fair education, cultivate their farms, and live much as do white people around them. We are so often reminded that the hope of the Indian lies not in education alone, nor in civilization alone, but in Christianity united with these great forces. Gen. O. O. Howard, a man of great experience among Indians, said: "I have visited every State and Territory except one, and also Alaska, and I can say that the American Indian does not accept the civilization about which we talk until he is converted."

Smith Nichols, an Indian living within the limits of Seneca Mission, has completed the meeting-house, which he has so long desired to do. This house stands on his own land. The native lumber was gotten out and hauled to the mill by himself, where it was sawed into boards and shingles. Most of the building was done by his own hands. Previous to the erection of the Meeting-house, meetings were held in his house, but now there is an apparent increase in attendance, almost wholly of Indians. They have given to the Meeting-house the name of Mount Zion. Smith Nichols has lately been recorded a minister.

The work in Oklahoma Territory is among the wilder Indians, where we find them still rude in thought, with marked intellectual power. The open book of Nature the Indians know well; they can tell the habits of bird or beast, tree and plant, but the life of civilzation comes hard to them. They know not the value of time or money. It is hard for them to measure their days, or provide for the future. The Indian's arm has not been trained to work as other races on our own continent. Therefore it is incumbent on us to teach him the true religion of the Son of God, and then all he needs to know will easily follow.

George and Ella Hartley reside in this part of the field, and have the care of the Meeting and Bible School at Shawneetown, also superintend all the work under the care of Friends.

A few years ago our missionary work among the Iowa Indians was nearly broken up, through the efforts of the Government Allotting Agent, who instead of allowing the heads of families to hold their improvements, sent them twenty miles away from the Mission, and let the white settlers locate on their farms. At this time the Iowas were living on land set aside by executive order in 1883, in exchange for land in southern Nebraska. They had about 250 acres in cultivation, lived mostly in tepees—blanket Indians—though several families had good log houses and wells of good water, and wore citizens' clothing, thus imitating as well as they could the good example of the missionaries and Mission Home. Quite a number of these Indians professed conversion, were members of Friends' Meeting, and were very desirous for Friends to send some missionary to them. Efforts have been made from time to time to accomplish this. At the beginning of the year five acres of land were purchased, and a Mission Building erected. A large room in one end of the building is used for meeting and school purposes. The Indians appreciate these efforts, and are quite regular in their attendance of Meeting and Bible School, contributing from their small pittance for lesson helps and other needful things for the school to the amount of several dollars.

The following is a description of a visit given by Ella Hartley: "After listening for a day and a half to the constant pit-a-pat of the ponies' feet, we came into a broad open prairie, and when a mile or more away from the place of our destination, I caught sight of what looked to be, for this country, a good-sized hotel building. It is situated on a beautiful rise of ground, which in the distance increases the apparent size of the building, and makes it present rather an imposing appearance. This was the Mission House, and the place of worship for the Iowa Indians. Dotted over the prairies from one half mile to three miles from it, were smaller buildings, which were pointed out to me as the homes of a number of Indians whose names had for months been familiar. We feel that the new building is a great step in advance, as it gives the control of the Meetings for worship more into the hands of the missionaries than when held in Indian houses. The objectionable feature heretofore has been the admixture of some of their peculiar ceremonies, that to me seem very superstitious, and which some of the more conservative are loth to abandon.

I must not forget to mention the very interesting called Meeting we had with these Indians the second evening of our visit. There were about forty present, and near the close of the Meeting opportunity was given them to express their feelings. The first to respond was the brother of the Chief, and to describe him as he impressed me, I should call him the Henry Ward Beecher of the tribe. He was dark but comely, with broad, full face and hair pushed back, hanging loosely from his shoulders. He looked like an orator as he stood erect and dignified, and with graceful gestures impressed his people, who frequently responded to his utterances. At the close of his talk, he lifted his right hand above his head and finished with a prayer. Two or three others followed him, one very grave looking old man that several times stopped and wept. We visited several families, were pleased with the appearance of thrift and enterprise of some of them, with cattle and chickens about and hay and corn stored away for the winter."

A new Monthly Meeting has been established, known as Ottawa Monthly Meeting, composing Ottawa, Peoria and Miami.

Twenty-one Meetings are under the continued care of the different missionaries. Eleven other places are reported where Meetings are held occasionally.

Fifteen series of Meetings have been held during the year. There have been reported one hundred and eleven conversions, with thirty accessions to membership. Thirteen Bible Schools, eight of which have been held throughout the year. Five Day Schools taught with good success.

Truly the fields are white unto harvest and fruit already to be gathered. Let us ask ourselves the question: What is our part in this? We are allowed to stay at home while others are called to go out among them. Are we giving to this subject our earnest prayers, and holding up the hands of those weary ones, who have toiled so long to let the light of Christ shine out to the heathen? Think of it! Heathenism has no power to help, and no inspiration for hope.

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $4,000. We recommend that $525 be appropriated for the use of the Executive Committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

MYRA E. FRYE, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$79 12	
Received from Monthly Meetings as follows:		
Amesbury	3 75	
Berwick	2 00	
Bolton	1 50	
Boston	42 50	
China	1 25	
Dartmouth	5 15	
Dover	5 00	
Falmouth	23 75	
Greenwich	7 70	
Providence	15 00	
Rhode Island	10 00	
Salem	39 37	
Sandwich, Mass.	21 75	
Smithfield	18 45	
Swansea	31 50	
Uxbridge	75 00	
Weare	2 00	
Westport	20 00	
Winthrop	8 38	
		$413 17
Received from Worcester Bible School		10 00
Received from Y. P. S. C. E. of the Yearly Meeting		20 00
Donation of John J. Frye		20 00
Total		$463 17

PAYMENTS.

Paid by instalments for support of W. P. Haworth	$315 00	
Appropriated toward the Yearly Meeting Assessment for Associated Executive Committee	75 00	
Paid expense of delegate to Germantown	20 00	
		$410 00
Balance on hand		$53 17

SAMUEL BUFFUM, *Treasurer.*

29. The Nominating Committee presented names of Friends for vacancies occurring on the Providence School and Oak Grove School Committees, also names of a Committee on Correspondence, all of which are approved.

30. Adjourned to Second-day morning, the 14th, at 10 o'clock.

31. Second-day morning. Met at the hour appointed.

32. Our dear Friend Matilda W. Atkinson, from Iowa Yearly Meeting, appeared at this session, with a minute of unity from her home Meeting.

33. The Committee to whom was referred the requests from Fairfield presented their report. The recommendations in both cases are approved and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS FROM FAIRFIELD.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the propositions from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting report.

Proposition 1st: "We ask the Yearly Meeting to consider the subject of having our Quarterly Meetings represented in the Yearly Meeting on the basis of their membership."

The Committee are united in recommending the following: That each Quarterly Meeting appoint five representatives, and one additional representative for every two hundred members or major fraction thereof.

Proposition 2nd: "We also ask that the Friends who are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting may be called delegates, thus avoiding the confusion that arises from having a Representative Meeting and a Meeting of Representatives."

We propose that instead of changing the name of the Representatives the name of the Representative Meeting be changed to Executive Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM O. NEWHALL, *Clerk.*

Portland, Sixth Month 12th, 1897.

34. The report of the Bible School Committee has been read and considered. We have renewedly felt the importance of this work in its various departments, as a prominent factor in church activities, and we desire the encouragement of the Committee.

REPORT OF BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Of the fifty-six Schools belonging to this Yearly Meeting, an annual report has been received from forty-four schools. One School or class reporting last year has been dropped. The membership as far as reported is 3,138. The collections of these Schools amount to $2,035.06.

Home Department.—We would still call the attention of our workers to this branch of work, believing that every School is blessed that engages in the work. A number of Schools have the Home Department, yet we have not received reports of its membership except in a few cases. For the present it would seem desirable to report the membership separate from that of the regular attending members. Circulars explaining this subject have been sent to a number of Schools, which we hope will not only interest the members, but desire it to be the means of strengthening and enlarging the spiritual life.

Primary Department.—Forty-five Schools report a membership of 647, against 443 in fifty-seven Schools last year. According to these figures we have an increase of 204 members among the children. No branch of our work requires such great wisdom and effort, nor is there any branch of work where the fruits are so abundantly seen. May fresh faith, courage and life come to all workers in the Children's Department in the years to come.

Conferences.—No report of Quarterly Meeting Conferences has reached your Superintendent. Rhode Island has at least had one, and it seems safe to say one has been held in Salem and one in Vassalboro Quarterly Meetings. It has been impossible for your Superintendent to arrange, or to assist in arranging, a general Conference, as was suggested in the report of last year.

Visitation.—The best way for a Superintendent to render assistance to a School is to visit it. In no other way can one become acquainted with the methods and needs. This your Superintendent attempted, but can only report failure, only two Schools having been visited. The Superintendent of Falmouth Quarter has visited three Schools in that Quarterly Meeting.

Record Books.—New Record Books have been purchased since last report. The attention of superintendents and secretaries is called to the questions in this book on the Home Department, which we hope will be answered by many Schools the coming year.

Library Books.—A number of smaller Schools have been helped in purchasing books for their libraries. A few more Schools are still in need of books. Not being able to hold a General Conference, it was decided to use our finances in helping those Schools that would be most benefitted.

In closing the report of Bible Schools for 1896 and 1897, we can hardly realize what has been accomplished. We would congratulate the faithful ones and bid all our workers a hearty God speed.

For the Committee,

MARY L. CHACE, *Superintendent.*

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Quarterly Meeting.	Location of School.	Local Superintendent's Name and Address.	Monthly Meeting.	Membership of School	Average Attendance.	No. of Friends.	No. of Classes.	Are Teacher's Meetings Held?	Volumes in Library.	Books Added through Year.	Months of School.	Lesson Helps Used.	Kinds of Papers Used.	Temperance Lessons.	Peace Lessons.	Is Children's Day Observed?	Membership of Home Department.	Amount of Collection.
Rhode Island.	Portsmouth	Fredric Holman, Portsmouth, R.I.	Rhode Island	39	19	30	5	No	...	...	9	...	2	3	.	No	...	$7 00
	Newport	Albert Cornell, 18 Meeting St., Newport	Rhode Island	76	34	22	6	No	214	1	12	B	2	4	1	Yes	...	58 68
	Saylesville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	H, C	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Providence	Robert P. Gifford, Providence, R.I.	Rhode Island	BCl'ss	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Somerset	Ralph Earl, Dighton, Mass.	Swansea	109	58	74	9	No	309	127	12	A, B	1	2	No	Yes	12	58 09
	Fall River	Herbert A. Skinner, 481 Durfee St., Fall River	Swansea	123	$53\frac{17}{26}$	54	10	No	332	23	12	B, E	1	4	No	No	Yes	120 20
	East Greenwich	Lydia E. Drinkwater, East Greenwich	...	20	12	13	2	...	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 00
		Totals	...	367	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Salem.	Amesbury	D. C. Maxfield, R. R. Avenue, Amesbury	Amesbury	65	$32\frac{19}{26}$	51	6	No	250	1	12	A, B, F, G	4	3	No	No	...	$40 59
	Boston	Thomas Wood, Dorchester	Boston	89	46	46	8	Yes	300	...	12	...	3	4	No	Yes	...	112 47
	East Lynn	Charles E. Bishop, 40 Ireson Avenue	Salem	185	107	32	18	Yes	292	41	12	B, G	2	No	No	Yes	...	90 00
	Henniker	N. P. Buxton, Henniker, N.H.	Weare	24	14	11	2	No	150	60	...	...	2	4	No	No	...	18 09
	Lawrence	Stephen Sweet, Haverhill, Mass.	Boston	100	88	...	...	Yes	...	...	...	...	...	No	No	No	...	130 00
	Lowell	No School	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lynn	George C. Herbert, Lynn, Mass.	Salem	124	68	52	13	Yes	877	2	...	B	2	4		Yes	...	85 69
	North Weare	Alfred Osborne, No. Weare, N.H.	Weare	33	13	26	4	No	518	2	...	B	1	4	No	No	...	12 94
	Salem	George H. Jones, 85 Highland Avenue, Salem	Salem	25	19	25	3	No	...	...	...	A	2	4	4	No	...	25 18
	South Pittsfield	Albert N. Peaslee, So. Pittsfield, N.H.	Amesbury	42	26	14	4	No	162	1	...	B	2	4	No	No	...	22 89
	Epping	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Clinton Grove	Annie S. Breed, Clinton Grove, N.H.	Weare	12	9	3	2	No	212	...	...	C	...	3	No	No	...	4 54
		Totals	...	699	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Sandwich.	Allen's Neck																	
	Smith's Neck	Elbridge L. Faunce, South Dartmouth	Dartmouth	47	27¾	19	6	No			10½	C	2	No	No	No		$21 70
	Central Village	John A. Macomber, Central Village	Westport	44	24½	34	5	No			12		1	No	No	No		43 67
	Wayside Miss'n	Mary E. Gifford, Central Village, Mass.	Westport	43	20				100		9					No	7	11 60
	Long Plain	Richard Davis, Long Plain	New Bedford	36	16	17	3	No	418		12	A	3	No	No	No		15 00
	Acushnet																	
	New Bedford	Nathaniel W. Gifford, New Bedford, Mass.	New Bedford	156			12	No	500	70	10	B	3	4	No	No		20 00
	Mattapoisett																	
		Totals		326														
Falmouth.	Casco	S. Alfred Hall, Casco, Me.	Windham	19	9½	7	2	No	76	2	12	A, B		4	No	No		
	Deering	Wm. I. Hacker, Westbrook, Me.	Falmouth	24	15¼	20	3		200									
	East Durham	Mahlon D. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.	Durham	36	28	9	5	No	175		12	B		No	No	No		$11 38
	Lewiston	E. W. Packard, Lewiston, Me.	Lewiston	63	47¾	13	9	No	265	30	12	A		4	No	Yes		60 21
	Portland	M. M. Bailey, 190 Middle St., Portland, Me.	Falmouth	125	79¼	77	8	No	320	15	12	A, D	3	4	No	No		155 98
	South Durham	George H. Cox, South Durham, Me.	Durham	66	45½	40	7	Weekly	218		12	A	2	4	No	Yes		41 29
	Windham	Frank W. Varney, North Windham	Windham	67	39	8	5	No			12	A, B	3		No	No		16 47
		Totals		400														
Smithfield.	Bolton	Alfred Dow, Bolton, Mass.	Bolton	64	36	39	6	No	319	3	12	A	4	No	No	No		$26 43
	Worcester	D. Marshal Babcock, 25 Lancaster St.,	Uxbridge	48	34½		4	No	368	15	12	A	4	No	No	No		68 31
	Northbridge	Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.	Uxbridge	26	13	4	3	No	253	103	9	A	4	No	No	No		14 59
	Woonsocket	James S. Read, Woonsocket, R. I.	Smithfield	181	79	46	10	No	500	100	12	A					20	127 63
		Totals		319														
Vassalboro.	Lake View, C'na																	
	East Vassalboro	Eliza F. Butterfield, East Vassalboro	Vassalboro	64	28	42	4	Weekly		18	12	B	4	No	No	No		
	South China	H. W. Austin, South China	China	63	40		4	No	275		12	C	1	No	No	Yes		$17 31
	Unity																	
	West China																	
		Totals		127														

Quarterly Meeting.	Location of School.	Local Superintendent's Name and Address.	Monthly Meeting.	Membership of School	Average Attendance.	No. of Friends.	No. of Classes.	Are Teacher's Meetings Held?	Volumes in Library.	Books Added through Year.	Months of School.	Lesson Helps Used.	Kinds of Papers Used.	Temperance Lessons.	Peace Lessons.	Is Children's Day Observed?	Membership of Home Department.	Amount of Collection.
Dover.	Dover	Clarence I. Pinkham, 36 Grove St., Dover	Dover	28	16	23	2	No	251	1	12	A, F	1		No	No		$38 18
	Gonic																	
	North Berwick																	
	Meaderboro	Otis Meader, Rochester, N. H.	Dover	40	15	20	2	No			3	C	2	No	No	No		
		Totals		68														
Fairfield.	Augusta	James Plummer, Winthrop St, Augusta	Winthrop	39	28	9	4	No	80	50	12	B	2	No	No	Yes		$15 49
	Hallowell	George F. Morse, Hallowell, Me.	Winthrop	34	15	13	3	No			12	A	2	No	No	No		10 00
	Manchester	A. W. Hawkes, Manchester, Me.	Winthrop	45	32	26	4	No	125		12	A	4	No	No	No		28 26
	North Fairfield	George B. Wing, North Fairfield, Me.	Sidney	29	12	16	4	No	150		12	B						7 62
	Centre Sidney	W. A. Hoxie, West Sidney	Sidney	48	20	11	4	Weekly	340		12	A	1	4	2	Yes		12 93
	St. Albans																	
	Winthrop Centre	C. Irving Bailey, Winthrop Centre	Winthrop	170	85	15	11	No	389	150	12	B		4	No	No		207 92
	West Gardiner	John Pinkham, West Gardiner	Winthrop	38	20	17	4	No				H						10 14
		Totals		403														
Parsonsfield.	E. Parsonsfield	Silas H. Cartland, E. Parsonsfield	Parsonsfield	58	42		4	No	285	3	12	A	4	No	No	No		$14 00
	North Sandwich																	
		Totals		58														
		Total membership																$1788 47

Key to Lesson Helps.—A, Friends' Publication. B, Peloubet's. C, David Cook's Publications. D, Mrs. Kennedy. E, Sunday School Journal. F, Mrs. Kennedy. G, Blakslee. H, Berean.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

1896.			RECEIPTS.		
7th	Mo.	1.	Balance from former treasurer	$135 38	
9th	"	19.	From Salem Monthly Meeting	1 25	
12th	"	9.	Bolton Monthly Meeting	1 00	
12th	"	21.	Uxbridge Monthly Meeting	4 00	
1897.					
2d	"	11.	Providence Monthly Meeting	5 00	
2d	"	13.	Swansea Monthly Meeting	2 70	
3d	"	4.	Westport Monthly Meeting	5 00	
4th	"	12.	Winthrop Monthly Meeting	6 00	
4th	"	15.	Boston Monthly Meeting	7 30	
4th	"	21.	For Record Books to date	3 65	
5th	"	10.	From Dartmouth Monthly Meeting	1 60	
5th	"	20.	Amesbury Monthly Meeting	1 00	
5th	"	20.	Boston Monthly Meeting	3 00	
5th	"	25.	Uxbridge Monthly Meeting	2 00	
5th	"	29.	Salem Monthly Meeting	3 00	
6th	"	1.	Smithfield Monthly Meeting	1 00	
6th	"	4.	Weare Monthly Meeting	1 50	
6th	"	7.	Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	3 00	
6th	"	12.	Falmouth Monthly Meeting	3 00	
6th	"	12.	China Monthly Meeting	75	
					$191 13
1897.			DISBURSEMENTS.		
4th	"	21.	Paid for printing Record Books	$60 00	
5th	"	15.	Cash to Newport School for Library	10 00	
5th	"	24.	Paid for Books for School at South China	15 00	
5th	"	24.	Paid for Books for School at China	15 00	
6th	"	10.	Postage used by Treasurer	3 00	
6th	‘,	10.	Postage used by Yearly Meeting Superintendent	1 35	
6th	"	10.	Sundries for use of Y. M. Supt.	2 38	
6th	"	10.	Balance in hands of Y. M. Supt	8 17	
6th	"	12.	Balance in hands of Treasurer	76 23	
					$191 13

GEORGE L. CROSMAN, *Acting Treasurer.*

35. The report of the Committee on Finance has been presented. The report shows that the contributions from our Meetings are very far short of the amounts desired by the several committees for the carrying on of their work. We sympathize with Friends in the present financial stringency, but we fully believe that if all our membership were alive to the claims which the work of the Church has upon them, the discrepancy between the amounts asked for and the receipts would be greatly lessened.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The year shows a gain in the contributions to two of the Committees carrying on the benevolent work of the Yearly Meeting, but in the remainder there is a decrease, and the sum total is more than three hundred dollars less than last year. It has been suggested that the Committees who feel that their work is somewhat overlooked by the contributors, might have their Treasurers forward to the Monthly Meetings two or three times during the year, a short circular, stating clearly just what plans they have on hand and the amount desired to carry them out. More interest would thus be aroused and the members would afterwards be more likely to remember in the envelopes the causes thus brought before them.

The Monthly Meetings of Boston, Uxbridge and Westport have again exceeded their quota, while no contributions have been reported from South Kingston, Durham, Windham, Lewiston, Vassalboro, Unity, Maple Grove, Sidney, St. Albans, Sandwich, N. H., and Parsonsfield. In corresponding with the Treasurers of the several Monthly Meetings, your Secretary has been able to get no response from Lewiston.

There has been some difficulty in receiving returns from the Treasurers of the Standing Committees this year, owing to the fact that the time for the final payment from the Treasurers of the Monthly Meetings came so close to the time of opening the Yearly Meeting. Your Committee would suggest that the Treasurers of the several Monthly Meetings dispatch their contributions at once after collection to the Treasurers of the various Committees. If this is done, the Treasurers of the Committees will usually be able to send their reports to the Financial Secretary, so that the statistical report can be completed before Yearly Meeting.

The following is the tabulated statement;

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE SEVERAL MONTHLY MEETINGS TOWARDS THE BENEVOLENT WORK CARRIED ON BY THE YEARLY MEETING.

Monthly Meetings.	Gospel Work.	Foreign Missions.	Western Indians.	Freedmen.	Bible School Work.	Suppression of Liquor Traffic.	Education.	Peace.	Totals.	Amount Called For.
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.										
Rhode Island . .	$14 20	$10 00	$10 00	$3 00	. . .	. .	$2 00	$3 00	$42 20	$469 70
Greenwich	. .	22 55	7 70	4 05	. . .	. . .	. .	. . .	34 30	67 10
Swansea	70 00	44 00	31 50	15 75	$2 70	$4 40	2 50	6 30	177 15	375 76
Providence . . .	9 00	104 00	15 00	26 00	5 00	3 50	3 25	3 75	169 50	375 76
S. Kingston . . .	. .	. .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. .	. . .	. . . .	53 68
Salem Quarterly Meeting.										
Salem	$86 65	$76 75	$39 37	$15 93	$3 00	$11 34	$7 10	$6 40	$246 54	$581 94
Amesbury .	8 00	6 25	3 75	1 00	. . .	3 75	. . .	1 50	24 25	219 60
Weare	26 00	15 00	2 00	6 00	. . .	3 50	. . .	5 00	57 50	186 66
Boston	68 80	75 42	42 50	17 57	7 30	9 43	5 85	9 03	235 90	109 80
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting										
Sandwich, Mass. .	$3 00	$34 00	$21 75	$7 00	. . .	$4 50	$2 50	.	$72 75	$183 00
Dartmouth . . .	11 90	1 60	5 15	1 10	. . .	1 35	1 00	$1 30	23 40	122 00
Westport	20 00	10 00	20 00	5 00	. . .	15 00	5 00	10 00	85 00	73 20
New Bedford . .	. . .	77 60	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	77 60	841 80
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting.										
Falmouth	$10 00	$12 75	$23 75	$6 00	. . .	$3 27	$3 00	$3 00	$61 77	$228 14
Durham	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	129 62½
Windham	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	108 88½
Lewiston	. . .	. . .	. .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	51 85
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.										
Smithfield	$16 65	$25 40	$18 45	$6 90	. . .	$7 95	$1 00	$2 00	$78 35	$161 04
Uxbridge	56 00	120 00	75 00	25 00	$6 00	6 00	7 00	5 00	300 00	164 70
Bolton	6 00	11 35	1 50	55	. . .	. . .	76	. . .	20 16	40 26
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting.										
Vassalboro . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	$167 75
China	$2 00	$2 15	$1 25	$0 96	. . .	. . .	. . .	$1 50	$7 86	117 42½
Unity	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	50 32½
Maple Grove . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . .
Dover Quarterly Meeting.										
Dover	. . .	$10 00	$5 08	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	$15 00	$219 60
Berwick	. . .	. . .	2 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	$2 00	4 00	146 40

FAIRFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.										
Sidney	. .	. . .	. . .	. .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	$146 40
Winthrop	$15 00	$33 92	$8 38	$6 13	. . .	$18 97	. . .	$2 00	$84 40	549 00
St. Albans	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	36 60
PARSONSFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.										
Parsonsfield . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	$81 33⅓
Sandwich. N.H. .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	40 66⅔
Totals	$423 20	$692 74	$334 05	$147 94	$24 00	$92 96	$40 96	$61 78	$1,817 63	$6,100 00
Last year	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	$2,138 06	. . . .

For the Finance Committee,

D. P. ATHERTON, *Secretary.*

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 14th, 1897.

A PLAN FOR CHRISTIAN GIVING.

The necessity of system in Christian giving is very generally recognized, and has its warrant in the words of Scripture: "Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come." (1 Cor. 16: 2.) "The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." (Lev. 37: 32.) "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." (Luke 12: 48.)

Many may be sharers of blessings they have never before known, if obedient to the Gospel teaching: "Let each man *do* according as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9: 7.) The Mosaic standard of tithes and offerings received a new impulse in the early Christian Church, when brought under the power of that sacrifice which was the offering of Himself once for all.

1st *Duties of Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance.*—The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance, composed of one man and one woman from each Quarterly Meeting, with the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting as member *ex-officio*, shall organize by the appointment of one of its members as Financial Secretary. It shall issue as early as the first of the seventh month of each year a general Circular Letter, containing a statement of the several amounts necessary to be raised for Yearly Meeting expenses (including obligations which may have been assumed), and also for philanthropic work under its care, the latter amounts having been specified by the respective standing committees in their annual reports to the Yearly Meeting. This Circular Letter shall embody such other items of interest and advice relating to finances as may have claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting, with directions about the use of the envelopes as may seem to be required. It shall contain suitable blanks in which to enter an estimate of Monthly and Preparative Meeting expenses, with the apportionment to individual members. The following form is recommended:—

The amount which . . . . Monthly Meeting has directed to be raised to meet expenses the ensuing year, including its quota of Yearly and Quarterly stock, is $ . . . .

Quota of the above amount for . . . . Preparative Meeting . . $ . . .
Current expenses for . . . . Preparative Meeting . . $ . . .
Total . . . . $ . . .
Thy proportion of the above amount is about . . . per month.
. . . . *Treasurer.*

This Committee shall prepare suitable books of entry for the use of Monthly and Preparative Meetings, and shall have envelopes printed to correspond with the objects for which money is needed. They shall strive to promote an interest in the work, and a healthful spirit of giving among the members of their respective Quarterly Meetings.

It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to maintain a correspondence with the Treasurers of Monthly Meetings, and also with the Treasurers of the several standing committees, who are receiving offerings through the envelopes, and forward to the Monthly Meetings, as often as may seem best, a statement of the financial condition of each object for which funds are desired, with any need that may exist.

2d. *Duties of Monthly Meetings and their Finance Committees.*—Monthly Meetings shall annually appoint three Friends from each of their Preparative Meetings, one of whom shall be the treasurer of that Preparative Meeting, and these, with the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting as member *ex-officio,* shall constitute the Monthly Meeting's Committee on Finance. It is recommended that the financial year in each Monthly Meeting begin in the autumn, in order that the information and advices from the Yearly Meeting may be duly received through the Quarterly Meeting. The Finance Committee shall duly fill the blank spaces in the Circular Letter intended for estimates of all meeting expenses, and apportion to individual members the amounts considered necessary to meet such expenses. This committee shall distribute to each member, both male and female, who may be expected to aid the work of the Church, envelopes for monthly offerings, properly numbered, and with the envelopes shall be given a copy of the Circular Letter, after the proper blanks have been filled.

Directly after the first Sabbath in the Ninth, Twelfth, Third and Sixth Months of each year, the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting shall forward to the several treasurers of the Yearly Meeting's standing committees all free-will offerings intended for the work entrusted to them, and shall also report the same with other accounts annually to the Monthly Meeting.

3d. *Duties of Preparative Meetings and their Treasurers.*—When a Monthly Meeting consists of more than one Preparative Meeting, each of such Preparative Meetings is advised to appoint a treasurer to have charge of its receipts and disbursements. This treasurer shall make a list in the book of entry, furnished him by the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting, of all members of the Meeting who may be expected to contribute, and assign to each a number, except when members of one family prefer to be indexed under one number, when he may adapt his record to their choice. As the envelopes are returned to the treasurer, he shall enter the items in the cash book, stating the number of the envelope and name of month when payment is made, with the respective amounts, in the proper columns. He shall forward quarterly all free-will offerings to the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting. Contributions for local expenses shall remain in his hands to be paid as the Preparative Meeting may require.

4th. *Duties of Individual Members.*—Each member, who is able to do so, is desired to enclose in the envelopes, monthly contributions toward "Meeting Expenses," as apportioned by the Finance Committee; but, if preferred, the amount may be paid proportionately, semi-annually or annually. He is also earnestly entreated to contribute free-will offerings for the philanthropic work carried on by the Yearly Meeting, and named in the Circular Letter, as may be consistent with his duty to God, as a steward of the property entrusted to him, being careful always to give an honest reply to the query: "How much owest thou unto my Lord?" If the donor has no choice how his offerings shall be appropriated, the amount may be placed against the item, "General Fund," and the Finance Committee of the Monthly Meeting will distribute it among the objects named, as in its judgment seems best. The item, "Meeting Expenses," on the envelopes includes the expenses of both the Preparative and the Monthly Meetings. The item, "General Fund," covers all objects named on the envelopes, except "Meeting Expenses."

36. The Committee on Nominations are directed to bring forward names of delegates to attend the Conference of Friends' Yearly Meetings to be held in Indianapolis in Tenth Month next.

37. Adjourned to meet at 3.30 this afternoon.

38. Afternoon. Met as per adjournment.

39. The subject of a revision of our Book of Discipline has been brought before us and considered. It is concluded to refer the matter to a committee to be appointed by this Meeting, including the Friends nominated by the Quarterly Meetings, for their consideration and action if in their judgment, action in the matter seems desirable.

40. The report of the Committee for the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic has been read. We are reminded on every hand of the magnitude of the evil of the traffic, a traffic which builds its profits upon ruined lives, desolate homes, blighted manhood, crime and poverty. We appreciate the difficulty under which the Committee labors in seeking to put down a business around which is thrown the protection of the law, and we record our unqualified hostility to a protection that is offered to the strong and leaves the weak to his mercy. We urge a strong support of our Committee by all possible means.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SUPPRESSION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

We submit these statistics, which as far as could be ascertained, comprise the work accomplished in the different Quarterly Meetings belonging to our Yearly Meeting, in the cause of the suppression of the liquor traffic.

The Superintendent of Literature gives the following report: "Much less literature has been sent out than usual, as there has been less money to spend. Early in the year we purchased for the use of the Committee, a set of eight charts, illustrating the effect of the use of alcohol on the stomach, which have been in use since and are a great help in the work among children in schools, bands of hope, etc. Mrs. Henry's works have been put into the library of a Sheltering Home for Women and Girls. Leaflets and illustrated papers have been given into homes, reading-rooms, depots, houses of correction, almshouses and police stations. One book was also given to a library for the patrol of the city. 'Neal Dow Day' was observed with appropriate exercises in both our boarding-schools, Oak Grove and Providence, and in both these schools the teaching of the effects of alcohol and narcotics on the system is not neglected."

The Chairman of the Committee on Lectures reports that twenty-eight temperance lectures and addresses have been given. One at Friends' School in Providence, two at Oak Grove Seminary, one at Kent's Hill Seminary, one in Friends' Meeting-House in Lynn, one in Providence Meeting-House, one in Winthrop, and ten were given in halls and other places in Friends' neighborboods in other parts of the Yearly Meeting. The Chairman of the Committee has also distributed over nine thousand pages of literature, presided at fourteen public meetings and spoken briefly at several.

The Monthly Temperance Bible Lesson has, we believe, been taught in most, if not all, our First-Day Schools, and in New Bedford much temperance literature has been distributed. Two lectures on the subject were delivered, one by Mary J. Weaver and one by Mrs. Barton of Boston. For several years the New Bedford W. C. T. U. held their meetings in rooms hired for the purpose. In the fall of '95, finding the heavy expenses of rent, light, etc., too great and responsible a burden, and feeling too that the money might be spent to better advantage, the Union requested the Friends to allow them the use of a room in their Meeting-House. This request, after due deliberation, was gladly granted, and for the last two years the Union have held their meetings in the First-Day School-room.

The Temperance Committee of the Saylesville Friends Y. P. S. C. E. have been quite active, and have had some half dozen temperance meetings with addresses.

Many thousand pages of literature have been distributed by members of the Y. M. Committee, and work has been done in connection with local temperance organizations.

While in view of the fearful increase of this most terrible sin of intemperance, the work accomplished seems small, yet many are the earnest, faithful laborers who have for many years put forth their strength and means in advancing the interests of Temperance outside of our own borders. We are sure that all work in this direction entered into in the spirit of the Master is blessed, yet we believe that one of the most potent factors in the deliverance of the nation from the liquor curse is the

Mission Kindergarten. Taking the little ones before the sad lessons of sin and misery are instilled into their lives, and putting other interests into them, is truly the Lord's work, and is accepted of him.

The Cleveland Journal and Bulletin says that a gentleman of that city attended the meeting of the Ohio State Liquor League, and took down in his note-book the following extract from the speech of one of the officers of the league:—

" It will appear from these facts, gentlemen, that the success of our business is dependent largely upon the creation of an appetite for drink. Men who drink liquor, like others, will die, and if there is no new appetite created, our counters will be empty, as will be our coffers. Our children will go hungry, or we must change our business to something more remunerative. The open field for the creation of this appetite is among the boys. After men are grown, and their habits are formed, they rarely ever change in this regard. It will be needful, therefore, that missionary work be done among the boys, and I make the suggestion, gentlemen, that nickels expended in treats to boys now, will return in dollars to your tills after the appetites have been formed. Above all things, create appetites."

The editor of the American Grocer, who has been in the habit of studying the government statistics of the consumption of liquors, and whose conclusions have been accepted with a great deal of confidence, says that the nation's whiskey bill in 1896 as a beverage, amounted to $270,000,000, and that one billion, eighty-one million gallons of beer was consumed. After having just made a careful examination of the reports for the past year, he shows that the hard times have resulted in a diminished consumption of liquors, nevertheless the total alcoholic drinking bill of the United States for 1896 was $861,693,832.

Is it that our ears get accustomed to the sad stories of suffering which the spending of the millions bring, that we are not more fully alive to our responsibility in this direction?

Let us be aroused and do *our* missionary work among the boys and girls, endeavoring to create in them the appetite for pure and honest living, which means love to God and all humanity.

MARY C. BAYLIES, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPRESSION OF LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

RECEIPTS.		
Balance from old Committee	$25 97	
Received from Susan Seabury	5 00	
Received from Monthly Meeting Treasurers	92 96	
		$123 93
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid on Account of Lectures	$74 22	
Paid on Account of Literature	26 50	
Balance on hand	23 21	
		$123 93

Respectfully submitted,

ELISHA T. READ, *Treasurer.*

WOONSOCKET, R.I., Sixth Month 7th, 1897.

NOTE.—For a detailed statement of receipts from Monthly Meetings, see report of the Financial Secretary.

41. The report of the Committee on Freedmen has been read and excited our sympathy. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The average attendance of pupils at the Maryville Institute has contiuued as large as in previous years, showing a little increase in three of the months of the past year. The number of students receiving aid from the George Sturge Fund in the fall term was fifty-five, their average age being nineteen, and there were forty-three in the spring term with the same average in age.

The Principal, L. H. Garner, has arranged to continue the school another year with this Yearly Meeting's usual appropriation of five hundred dollars, and the hope of an increase in the voluntary offerings towards the school expenses. We feel grateful indeed for this willingness on her part to hold fast to the work and trust we can in good measure sympathize with her in the thought of what may be the more serious situation in the event of the school's discontinuance for want of funds.

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Secretary.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Yearly Meeting Appropriation	$500 00
Offerings from Monthly Meetings	147 94
Henry Camp Fund Income	53 50
Other Donations	1 68
From Trustees of George Sturge Fund	1,450 08
	$2,153 20

EXPENDITURES.

Paid L. H. Garner, Principal, on services account	$703 12
Paid for aid to students on the George Sturge Fund	1,450 08
	$2,153 20

ROBERT P. GIFFORD, *Treasurer.*

Portland, Sixth Month, 1897.

Note.—For statement of Monthly Meeting offerings see report of Financial Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREEDMEN'S NORMAL INSTITUTE, MARYVILLE, TENN., FOR THE YEAR 1896-7.

Number of days taught	190
Number enrolled	241
Per cent. of attendance	84.2
Number of boarders in the building	98
Number of teachers in Training-Class	119
Number graduating in the Elementary-Class	3

In reviewing the work of the past year, we thankfully acknowledge the presence of our Heavenly Father, who keepeth that which is committed to His care; and we earnestly pray that influences for good may be exerted by the students who go out from our school year by year, as teachers among the less fortunate of their race.

Respectfully submitted,

LETTIE H. GARNER, *Principal.*

42. The report of the Trustees of the Geo. Sturge, B. F. Knowles and Henry Camp Funds has been read and approved.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE STURGE, BENJAMIN F. KNOWLES AND HENRY CAMP FUNDS.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

GEORGE STURGE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$18 78
Coupons paid Seventh Month 1st	727 50
Coupons paid First Month 1st	727 50
Interest on deposit	17 25
	$1,491 03

EXPENDITURES.

Assisting Students, Fall Term, 1896	$632 68
Assisting Students, Spring Term, 1897	817 40
Rent of Box in Rhode Island Safe Deposit	10 00
Balance for new account	30 95
	$1,491 03

BENJAMIN F. KNOWLES FUND.

Deposited in the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, Eleventh Month, 1895	$283 15
Accrued interest on the same to Fifth Month 1st, 1897	8 71
	$291 86

There has been no dividend declared the last year by the Willimantic Linen Company.

HENRY CAMP FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Interest on mortgage for $1,000	$53 50

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Committee on Freedmen Fourth Month 7th	53 50

On behalf of the Trustees,

AUGUSTINE JONES.

J. H. CHACE.

43. The Committee for that purpose have presented nominations for various committees, all of which are approved.

44. Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

45. Third day morning. Met at the hour appointed.

46. The records of the Representative Meeting have been read and the doings of that Meeting have been approved.

47. The Representative Meeting having asked that the subject of birth-right membership be left for further consideration. it is concluded to refer the matter to the Committee for a Revision of the Discipline.

48. The Queries, with answers summarized from answers sent up by the Quarterly Meetings, have been read, the reading of the answers from the several Quarterly Meetings being omitted under a suspension of the rules.

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

1. Nearly all meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. Fifty-three omissions are reported; and two Quarterly Meetings speak of "several" being omitted. These omissions are due largely to inclement weather. Most Friends attend them duly on First-day at the hour appointed. Much neglect of mid-week meetings, and some of meetings for discipline.

2. We believe a good degree of love and unity are maintained. Three Quarterly Meetings report "Detraction guarded against." Two Quarterly Meetings "Clear of differences." Some detractions and differences exist in the others, and efforts are made to end them.

3. Nearly all of our members are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train their children in accordance with our Christian profession.

4. With few exceptions our members frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually as well as collectively in their families, encouraging their children and others in this daily practice. Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry is maintained with exceptions reported from two Quarterly Meetings.

5. Four Quarterly Meetings are clear of intoxicants. Thirteen individual cases of the use of intoxicants exist among the other Quarterly Meetings. Five Quarterly Meetings report, Friends careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character. The others are not quite clear.

6. Clear as to the several parts of this query, with the exception of one Quarterly Meeting, which reports nearly clear.

7. More care is needed in regard to military matters and oaths, only one Quarterly Meeting being clear on these points. Clear as to defrauding the public revenue.

8. Clear in the several parts of this query, with some exceptions in three Quarterly Meetings.

9. Careful as to records. A few removals without certificates.

10. The discipline is administered as queried after, with slight exceptions in three Quarterly Meetings. Four Quarterly Meetings say it is not so timely as would be best.

MINUTE ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY.

Under a sense of the presence of the Master, we have entered upon the consideration of our present condition, as shown in the answers to the Queries. The all essential spirit of love is a regulator and rectifier, and with it freely shed abroad in our hearts and showing itself in our lives and conversation, there will remain no room for disunity and detraction. A love that is perfect will receive in kindness the word of correction from a brother. "Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities." The love of Christ cannot be circumscribed by Church lines, or geographical lines, or sectional lines of any kind. It is a love that impels us to a carrying out of our Lord's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Our uncompromising testimony, not only negatively against all war, but positively in favor of peace, has been pressed upon our attention as a need even in the time of outward peace.

Every child of God is united to Christ, and is or ought to be united with the brotherhood. We have differing gifts and require charity one towards another in its broad and complete sense. We have need of confidence in one another, the same confidence which we would have reposed in us by others. Better that one should find that his confidence has been abused, than that a brother should have been hindered, discouraged or saddened by our distrust. Let your confidence rest in God, and with the children of God in their honesty of purpose.

We desire that the spiritual condition of the Church shall demand a deeply spiritual ministry. God will take care of his servants, as he always has, but whatever duty the Church has towards the ministry, let it be faithful to.

In the matter of a strict maintenance of our testimony in respect to the use of intoxicants, we were urged to yet greater effort, especially that as regards our own membership we should show ourselves absolutely pure.

Meetings are exhorted to carefulness in receiving members, to see that their lives are morally clean, and consistent with their profession of conversion, before identifying themselves with the Church in membership. No ambition for the increase of our numbers ought to bias our judgment in this matter.

The motherhood of the Church, both in the lines of nurture and correction, was brought to our notice. Success will depend invariably upon faithfulness. The power which we as Christian professors might receive and wield effectively, were we absolutely and unquestioningly obedient, may not be estimated.

50. The Representatives have presented names of Friends for vacancies occurring in the Executive Meeting, which are approved.

51. The Representatives present the following apportionment of Yearly Meeting expense among our Quarterly Meetings, which is adopted, viz :—

Rhode Island . .	22¼%	Salem	18½%	Sandwich	20¼%
Falmouth	8¾%	Smithfield . .	6¼%	Vassalboro . . .	5½%
Dover	4%	Fairfield	12½%	Parsonsfield . . .	2%

52. By recommendation of the Representatives it is decided to change our Discipline so that the apportionment shall be considered by the Finance Committee and reported upon each year.

53. Adjourned to four o'clock this P.M.

54. Afternoon. Met according to adjournment.

55. The Nominating Committee presented names of Friends to attend the Conference of Friends' Yearly Meetings at Indianapolis in Tenth Month next, and they recommend that the expenses of such as attend be paid by the Yearly Meeting wherever it may be necessary, all of which is approved.

DELEGATES.

Charles H. Jones,
Joseph E. Briggs,
Ezra Hawkes,
Rufus M. Jones,
Ruth S. Murray,
Salome C. Wheeler,
Emeline H. Tuttle,
Sarah J. Swift,
Alice W. Maxfield.

The Nominating Committee also presented names to fill vacancies occurring on the Gospel Committee, Committee of Arrangements, Committee on Freedmen, on Suppression of the Liquor Traffic, Peace, Income of Mosher Fund, and Trustees of Mosher Fund, all of which are satisfactory.

56. The Committee to disburse the income of the H. H. Mosher Fund presented their report which is satisfactory.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISBURSEMENT OF THE H. H. MOSHER FUND.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee have subscribed for three hundred and five copies of the American Friend this year. A large number of the subscriptions were due about the middle of Seventh Month, and the rest at various dates. This gave the members of the Committee considerable inconvenience in reviewing their lists, and it was therefore decided to pay up to the beginning of the year and commence all the subscriptions at the same time. This has been done and it seems likely to be much more satisfactory, but a year and a half subscription had to be paid out of this year's funds.

Fifty copies of the Missionary Advocate have also been taken.

Seventy-seven copies of the "Riven Veil," by J. L. Beane, have been distributed, and one hundred copies of T. Hodgkins' "Life of Geo. Fox" have been received, but so recently on account of delay in getting them from England, that they have not been distributed.

HENRY H. GODDARD, *Chairman.*
D. P. ATHERTON, *Secretary.*

H. H. MOSHER FUND.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report	$239 95
Received from Trustees	500 00
	$739 95
Balance due Treasurer	40
	$740 35

EXPENDITURES.

305 copies American Friend, from Eighth Month 1st, 1896 to Twelfth Month 31st, 1897	$581 21
110 copies Hodgkin's "Geo. Fox," with expenses, etc.	92 96
77 copies Riven Veil, with expenses, etc.	60 78
10 copies Geo. Fox the "Red Hot Quaker" (for examination)	2 00
Postage and Stationery	3 40
	$740 35

J. E. PAIGE, *Treasurer.*

Lynn, Sixth Month 5th, 1897.

57. The Trustees of the H. H. Mosher Fund have presented a satisfactory report.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE H. H. MOSHER FUND.

FOR THE YEAR, 1897.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Funds in our hands are as follows:

City of Boston 5% Registered Gold Bond	$10,000 00
New Bedford Institution for Savings Bank Book	1,214 67
Lynn Institution for Savings Bank Book	2,153 02
	$13,867 69
We have received interest from City of Boston	$500 00
We have received from New Bedford Institution for Savings	136 02
We have received from Lynn Institution for Savings	103 02
	$739 04
Paid to J. Ellwood Paige, Treasurer of the Committee to disburse the income	$500 00
Balance of income	$239 04

This balance is deposited in the two banks above mentioned.

For the Trustees,

OLNEY T. MEADER,
C. M. BAILEY.

58. The Committee on Peace have presented their report, which is satisfactory. In spite of the wars which are going on in various parts of the world, and with especial cruelty and persistency in the island of Cuba, we still believe that the cause of peace is gaining ground; and while the Anglo-American treaty failed of ratification in the United States Senate, we feel sure that the action of that body was not warranted by the public sentiment of the country, and we have been especially gratified at the position of the Church and the press upon this matter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The small amount of money which has come to the treasury of the Peace Committee has been given to the American Peace Society to aid in the circulation of the Advocate of Peace among ministers and others in New England. This society carries on its work in harmony with the objects of this committee, and its paper, issued monthly, seems to us very effective for good.

Individual members of the Committee have had four lectures on Peace and Arbitration delivered in different parts of the Yearly Meeting, beside several brief addresses. Some public meetings have been held in the interests of peace and temperance combined. Much personal work has been done and over two thousand pages of literature distributed.

Articles have been sent to the public press, which have been published. Several ministers of different denominations have been asked to advocate peace principles in their sermons, and have responded. One responsive reading has been prepared and published, which was used in many public meetings in New England and elsewhere. Many personal letters were sent to United States senators expressing our deep-felt desire for the ratification of the Arbitration Treaty with Great Britain, and favorable replies were received. The more important action of our Representative Meeting in forwarding to the Senate a clear and kindly expressed petition on behalf of the whole Yearly Meeting, seemed to us very opportune. We are glad to note in this connection that the New England senators all voted for ratification except one, who was absent.

Our cause seems to have met with a check by the failure of this treaty, with all its beneficent designs, to command the votes of the requisite two-thirds of our National Senate. But the discussion has not been without its enlightening effect upon the public mind. It is not to be supposed that the cause of international arbitration will be allowed to slumber for a moment by the many noble statesmen and philanthropists who have espoused it, and whose numbers are increasing.

Our Friends, Albert K. and Eliza Smiley, formerly members of our Yearly Meeting, are deserving of our high regard for the signal aid they are rendering this great reform by the conferences now annually held at their attractive home at Lake Mohonk, N. Y. The last conference just closed was attended by two members of our Committee who rendered assistance and partook of the confidence and enthusiasm which pervaded it.

It is apparent that the more the subject of international peace and arbitration is discussed the greater the strength which it attains. We can recognize the Divine hand in the progress which it is making; and we can confidently trust that the lovers of humanity will be enabled to press such sober and forceful truth upon the minds of the rulers of the Christian nations of the world that they will, in the near future, institute some system of judicature by which the brutality and savagery of war may be forever supplanted by reason and enlightened conscience.

On behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL BUFFUM, *Secretary.*

PEACE COMMITTEE NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.

RECEIPTS.

Brought forward from 1896		$3 60	
Received from China Monthly Meeting		1 50	
" Salem	"	6 40	
" Winthrop	"	2 00	
" Boston	"	9 03	
" Uxbridge	"	5 00	
" Westport	"	10 00	
" Fall River	"	4 40	
" Dartmouth	"	1 30	
" Amesbury	"	1 50	
" Falmouth	"	3 00	
" Weare	"	5 00	
" Berwick	"	2 00	
" Rhode Island	"	3 00	
" Smithfield	"	2 00	
" Providence	"	3 75	
" Swansea	"	1 90	
			$65 38

EXPENDITURES.

Paid contribution to American Peace Society	$60 00
Balance on hand	$5 38

THOMAS WOOD, *Treasurer.*

SIXTH MONTH 10th, 1897.

59. The report of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been read. The work of this organization in its various departments is accomplishing great good in bringing young people to the Savior and into the interests and the work of the Church.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING:

Dear Friends:—We are led to believe that Christian Endeavor has not yet fulfilled its mission, even in New England Yearly Meeting, although many have predicted that the days of the Christian Endeavor movement in the world at large were numbered.

We see by our statistical report that seven new societies have been organized the past year, while in the Minute of a year ago but two new ones had been formed and two laid down. A Junior Society is reported at Friends' School.

One hundred and thirteen active members have joined our ranks besides twenty-seven associate members. We rejoice that from these societies thirty-nine have found their Church home within our beloved society. We only regret that we cannot compare these figures with the report of a year ago, but that mysteriously disappeared and so was not printed in the Minutes for 1896, but we feel sure that there is a marked growth in every direction.

An increasing missionary spirit is noticeable, and our young people and children are being trained to give proportionately and systematically as the Lord prospers them, and thus will the future welfare of the Society of Friends in all good work be established on the right foundation.

Our earnest desire has been the key note of this Yearly Meeting, that together, older and younger, we may so abide in our loving Lord that we shall be able to distinguish His voice from that of the stranger, and where He leads we will gladly follow.

Respectfully submitted,

ABBY M. C. BREED, *Secretary pro tem.*

60. The Auditing Committee have presented their report which is satisfactory. We appoint Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the coming year, James H. Chace for Treasurer of the Providence School Funds, and Joseph E. Briggs for Treasurer of the Oak Grove School Funds. It is the desire of the Meeting that hereafter the Treasurer of this Meeting submit his report, signed by himself, and that it be verified by the Auditors.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

To balance last year	$1,020 28
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	660 00
Salem "	540 00
Sandwich "	600 00
Falmouth "	255 00
Smithfield "	180 00
Vassalboro "	165 00
Dover "	180 00
Fairfield "	360 00
Parsonsfield "	60 00
Cash of the Sarah H. Henley Estate	300 00
Cash received on Loans	2,500 00
Sales of Books of Discipline	9 90
Received from Interest and Dividends	84 24
	$6,914 42

EXPENDITURES.

Yearly Meeting Expenses 1896	$395 06
Printing, Stationery and Copying	472 65
Paid Committee on Foreign Missions, Sarah H. Henley Estate	700 00
Paid Committee on Freedmen	500 00
Cash Loans Returned	2,500 00
Paid Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	525 00
Paid Oak Grove Note Balance	500 00
Paid on Portland Meeting-House Account	250 00
(Balance now due $1,500.)	
Paid Expenses Finance Committee	4 08
Paid Interest on Loans	192 05
Paid Safe Deposit Box Rent	5 00
Balance in Treasurer's hands	870 58
	$6,914 42

NOTE: Of this balance ($870.58) the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) is held subject to the draft of the Committee on Foreign Missions from the legacy of Sarah H. Henley.

We would propose the name of Samuel R. Buffinton for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and James H. Chace for Treasurer of Providence School Funds, and Joseph E. Briggs for Treasurer of Oak Grove School.

By direction of the Commitee for Audit of the Treasurer's Account,

ROBERT P. GIFFORD.

PORTLAND, Sixth Month 15th, 1897.

61. The Finance Committee present the following recommendations, which are approved:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.—APPROPRIATIONS.

The Finance Committee recommend that $2,500 be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting the ensuing year. They also recommend the following appropriations from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting:

For Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	$525 00
For Freedmen (Maryville Institute)	500 00
For Portland Meeting-House Note and Interest	260 00
For Expenses Finance Committee	25 00
Towards cost of Well at Oak Grove	279 36
	$1,589 36

Your Committee recommends that as far as practicable each Quarterly Meeting send forward one half of its quota by the first of the Eleventh Month and the remainder by the first of Fifth Month of each year.

Your Committee also recommends that the Plan of Giving as found in the Minutes last year be reprinted in this year's Minutes.

DEBORAH P. ATHERTON, *Financial Secretary.*

Our several Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of $2,500 in the manner indicated.

62. The Friends named by the Clerk at a previous sitting for conference in regard to the Providence School property, present the following report for record, which is approved by this Meeting.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONFER WITH GEO. L. CROSMAN IN REFERENCE TO THE FRIENDS' SCHOOL PROPERTY.

We have attended to our appointment and also been in conference with the Real Estate Committee of the School, and it appears, as far as we have investigated the subject, it has been well managed considering all the circumstances.

For the Committee,

D. WHEELER SWIFT.

63. The Committee on Correspondence presented an epistle addressed to the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Ramallah, which was satisfactory, and the Clerks are directed to sign it on our behalf.

64. Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning. Women's meeting in separate session at nine, joint session at eleven.

65. Fourth Day, 16th. Met at the hour appointed.

66. By consent of the Meeting the Nominating Committee presented three additional names of Friends to serve on the Gospel Committee. They also presented nominations for a Committee on revision of the Discipline, and a Men's Committee on Purity, all of which are approved.

67. The Committee on Correspondence presented essays of epistles to London and Dublin Yearly Meetings, also an epistle addressed to all the Yearly Meetings in America with which we correspond; also letters to the sick and afflicted and a letter to the children of our Yearly Meeting. They have been read and approved, and the Clerks are directed to sign them on our behalf.

68. The Committee on returning minutes presented the following for Hannah H. Leggett, and similar ones for Thomas H. Leggett, Mary H. Bedell, David E. and Emma Sampson, Amos M. Kenworthy, Isom P. Wooton, Ezra G. Pearson, Eli G. Parker, J. Morris and Emma Lemmon, Matilda W. Atkinson, James P. Price, viz.:

"To Elba Monthly Meeting of Friends, New York. Hannah H. Leggett acceptably attended this Meeting, with a minute of unity from yours."

69. The various affairs of the Church that have claimed our attention have been considered and acted upon in the spirit of Christian love. We have remembered with lively interest our mem-

bers scattered over the different parts of this Yearly Meeting, who from physical infirmity and other causes have been prevented from meeting with us, but whose thoughts and interests and prayers have been with and for us. May the God of all comfort bless them, and make them large partakers of the riches of His grace.

In bringing to a close the sessions of the Yearly Meeting of 1897, with the purpose of meeting at the established time in Newport, R. I., in 1898 if so permitted, we commend each other to the care of our gracious Lord, in the assurance that He will establish the work of our hands upon us, according as it is done in singleness of heart as unto Him.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

JOHN ELLWOOD PAIGE,
ALICE W. MAXFIELD,
Clerks.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING.

For One Year.

Samuel R. Buffinton	Fall River, Mass.
Lucy T. Herbert	17 Chatham Street, Lynn, Mass.
Susan F. Hoxie	Sandwich, Mass.
Ezra Hawkes	Portland, Me.
Isaac Steere	Harrisville, R. I.
Henry H. Goddard.	
Timothy B. Hussey	North Berwick, Me.
I. Warren Hawkes	Manchester, Me.
Silas H. Cartland	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Sarah J. Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Joseph E. Briggs	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Anna G. Wood	New Bedford, Mass.
Joseph D. Wood	215 State Street, Boston, Mass.
Elizabeth K. Jones	South China, Me.
Phillip A. Cornell	South Dartmouth, Mass.
George L. Crosman	Lynn, Mass.

For Two Years.

Augustine Jones	Providence, R. I.
J. Ellwood Paige	Lynn, Mass.
Elizabeth A. Gifford	Adamsville, R. I.
Myra E. Frye	Woodfords, Me.
Daniel Wheeler	Uxbridge, Mass.
Eliza P. Pierce	East Vassalboro, Me.
Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Mary W. Jones	Winthrop Centre, Me.
John B. Cartland	North Sandwich, N. H.
Lewis M. Douglas	Portland, Me.
William Thompson	New Bedford, Mass.
D. Wheeler Swift	Worcester, Mass,
Jesse McPherson	Winthrop Centre, Me.
William O. Newhall	Lynn, Mass.
Charles H. Thorndike	Concord, N. H.
Susan T. Thompson	New Bedford, Mass.

For Three Years.

Phebe S. Aydelott	Fall River, Mass.
Daniel C. Maxfield	Amesbury, Mass.
John B. Baylies	New Bedford, Mass.
John J. Frye	Portland, Me.
William P. Pinkham	Woonsocket, R. I.
Linwood W. Jones	South China, Me.

Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Phebe L. Pope.	
J. Hacker Hall	Windham Centre, Me.
Levi Jones	Winthrop, Me.
Olney T. Meader	Boston, Mass.
Deborah P. Atherton	Uxbridge, Mass.
Ruth S. Murray	New Bedford, Mass.
Isaac B. Macomber.	
Salome C. Wheeler	Uxbridge, Mass.

PROVIDENCE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

For One Year.

Edward T. Tucker.
Joshua L. Macomber.
John J. Frye,
Charles E. Cobb.
Thomas Wood.
Barker Newhall.
Bessie T. Wing.
S. Caroline Tobey.
Mary A. Crosman.
M. Augusta Battey.
Martha Hoag, of Boston.
Rufus M. Jones.

For Two Years.

John Shober Kimber.
Samuel R. Buffinton.
James H. Chace.
Peter M. Neal.
Samuel Buffum.
Robert P. Gifford.
Rachel S. Howland.
Ellen K. Buffum.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Anna G. Wood.
Deborah W. Crosman.
Deborah P. Atherton.

For Three Years.

I. Warren Hawkes.
William O. Newhall.
Daniel C. Maxfield.
Charles A. Chace.
Olney T. Meader.
Charles Sisson.
Ruth S. Murray.
Alice W. Maxfield.
Emily M. Jones.
Stephen C. Meader.
Sarah Marble.
Susan Peckham.

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.

For One Year.

Charles Sisson.
Thomas Wood.

For Two Years.

James H. Chace.
Samuel R. Buffinton.

For Three Years

Olney T. Meader.
Robert P. Gifford.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Chairman and Treasurer—John Ellwood Paige, Lynn, Mass.

Secretary—Anna F. Hall, Windham Centre, Me.

For One Year.

Gertrude W. Cartland.
Sarah Marble.
Wilmot R. Jones.

For Two Years.

George A. Barton.
Rufus M. Jones.
Anna F. Hall.

For Three Years.

John Ellwood Paige,
Ruth S. Murray.
Emma Hacker.

COMMITTEE ON PEACE.

Chairman—Benjamin F. Trueblood, 3 Somerset Street, Boston.

Treasurer—Thomas Wood, 215 State Street, Boston, Mass.

Secretary—Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.

For One Year.

Martha E. Hoag	North Sandwich, N. H.
Emma A. Douglas	Portland, Me.
Elizabeth K. Jones	South China, Me.
Sarah A. Hill	Amesbury, Mass.
Caroline Alice Jones	Providence, R. I.
Gertrude W. Cartland	Newburyport, Mass.

For Two Years.

Benjamin F. Trueblood	Boston, Mass.
Charles Sisson	Providence, R. I.
Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Silas H. Cartland	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Jennie T. Bishop	Lynn, Mass.

For Three Years.

Thomas Wood	Boston, Mass.
Ellen Bangs	Dover, N. H.
Mary C. Baylies	New Bedford, Mass.
Samuel R. Buffinton	Fall River, Mass.
James M. Estes	Newport. R. I.
George H. Farr	Lewiston, Me.

COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

President—Joseph H. Atwater, Saylesville, R. I.
Secretary—Mary C. Baylies, New Bedford, Mass.
Superintendent of Literature—Mary A. Chase, Manchester, N. H.
Superintendent of Lectures—Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Assistant-Superintendent of Lectures—Adeline F. Chace, Fall River, Mass.
Treasurer—Elisha T. Read, Woonsocket, R. I.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Joseph H. Atwater.
Mary A. Chase.
Joshua L. Macomber.
Mary C. Baylies.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Emily S. Weeks.

For One Year.

Charles E. Peaslee	Gonic, N. H.
Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Clara W. Bowery	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Leslie O. Meader	North Sandwich, N. H.
Mary L. Cobb	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Lizzie T. Hoag	North Sandwich, N. H.

For Two Years.

Joseph H. Atwater	Saylesville, R. I.
Louisa N. Meader	Saylesville, R. I.
William Wood	Lawrence, Mass.
Mary A. Chase	Manchester, N. H.
Joshua L. Macomber	Mattapoisett, Mass.
Adeline F. Chace	Fall River, Mass.
Susan M. Seabury	New Bedford, Mass.

For Three Years.

Mary C. Baylies	New Bedford, Mass.
Elisha T. Read	Woonsocket, R. I.
Jennie P. Douglas	
Edward S. Hacker	
Nellie M. Hussey	
Emily S. Weeks	
George H. Cates	East Vassalboro, Me.

COMMITTEE ON OAK GROVE SEMINARY AND BAILEY INSTITUTE.

For One Year.

Jessie McPherson.
George H. Cates.
William H. Douglas.
Herbert O. Jepson.
Melvin M. Bailey.
Sarah Marble.
Anna M. Priest.
Eliza B. Douglas.
Clara W. Mumford.
Lettie M. Bailey.
Rufus M. Jones.

For Two Years.

Charles M. Bailey.
C. Irving Bailey.
Mabel G. Bailey.
Joseph E. Briggs.
John J. Frye.

Sophia D. Bailey.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Ezra Hawkes.
Emma S. Briggs.
Myra E. Frye.

George L. Crosman.

For Three Years.

Mary R. Jones.
Alfred H. Jones.
Henry Winslow.
Elwood A. Bailey.
I. Warren Hawkes.

Ruthanna H. Washburn.
Eliza P. Pierce.
Mary G. Winslow.
Elonora S. Woodman.
Edward H. Cook.

F. Louisa Cates.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Chairman—Olney T. Meader, 634 Warren Street, Roxbury, Mass.
Corresponding Secretary—Ruth S. Murray, New Bedford, Mass.
Treasurer—Sarah J. Swift, 22 Oak Avenue, Worcester. Mass.

For One Year.

Charles H. Jones.
Henry D. Swift.
D. Wheeler Swift.
Melvin M. Bailey.

Gulielma C. Wood.
Martha E. Hoag.
Elizabeth K. Jones.
Mary W. Jones, Winthrop Centre.

For Two Years.

Timothy B. Hussey.
Anna G. Wood.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Sarah J. Swift.

Anna M. Hussey.
Augustine Jones.
Mary E. Kimber.
Harriette D. Collins.

For Three Years.

William Thompson.
Ruth S. Murray.
Ellen M. Jones.
Elizabeth Swan.

Susan T. Thompson.
Robert P. Gifford.
Olney T. Meader.
William T. Hussey.

COMMITTEE ON WESTERN INDIANS.

Chairman—William O. Newhall.
Secretary—Myra E. Frye, Woodfords, Me.
Treasurer—Samuel Buffum.

Associated Executive Committee.

William O. Newhall.
Emeline H. Tuttle.

Myra E. Frye.
John S. Kimber.

For One Year.

Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Emma S. Briggs	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Mary D. Collins	Hopkinton City, R. I.
Susan H. Meader	634 Warren Street, Roxbury, Mass.
Almira B. Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
John S. Kimber	Newport, R. I.
Elisha T. Read	Woonsocket, R. I.

For Two Years.

W. O. Newhall	Lynn, Mass.
Mary E. Kimber	Newport, R. I.
John J. Frye	Woodfords, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Elizabeth A. Gifford	Adamsville, R. I.
Lettie M. Bailey	

For Three Years.

Edward T. Tucker	New Bedford, Mass.
Sarah J. Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Elizabeth M. Hawkes	Manchester, Me.
Ellen K. Buffum	Providence, R. I.
Myra E. Frye	Woodfords, Me.
Asa C. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Anna M. Gove	Seabrook, N. H.

FREEDMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Secretary and Treasurer—Robert P. Gifford.

For One Year.

Robert P. Gifford.
Hannah J. Bailey.

For Two Years.

Lewis M. Douglas.
Susan F. Hoxie.

For Three Years.

George A. Barton.
Anthony M. Kimber.

COMMITTEE ON GOSPEL WORK.

Chairman—Charles H. Jones, Amesbury, Mass.
Secretary—Harriette D. Collins, Vassalboro, Me.
Treasurer—Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Me.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents.

Rhode Island	Frank E. Jones
Salem	Charles H. Thorndike
Sandwich	William P. Macomber
Falmouth	Ezra Hawkes
Smithfield	Salome C. Wheeler
Vassalboro	Linwood W. Jones
Dover	Emeline H. Tuttle
Fairfield	Horace M. Hall
Parsonsfield	Silas H. Cartland

For One Year.

Emeline H. Tuttle.
Ezra Hawkes.
Silas H. Cartland.
John S. Kimber.
Salome C. Wheeler.
Charles H. Thorndike.
Linwood W. Jones.
Charles H. Jones.

For Two Years.

William Thompson.
Joseph E. Briggs.
William V. Ware.
George H. Farr.
Susan T. Thompson.
Eunice A. Greene.
Elizabeth T. Larkin.
William P. Macomber.

For Three Years.

Edward G. Wood.
James M. Estes.
Horace M. Hall.
Frank E. Jones.
Martha E. Osborne.
William P. Pinkham.
Harriette D. Collins.
Mary E. Gifford.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

Chairman—Benj. F. Trueblood.
Secretary—George L. Crosman.
Treasurer—Thomas Wood.

Executive Committee.

Charles A. Chace,
Sarah W. Newlin.
Phebe S. Aydelott.
George L. Crosman.
Thomas Wood.
Benjamin F. Trueblood.
D. Wheeler Swift.

For One Year.

Charles A. Chace	Fall River, Mass.
Anna M. Gove	Seabrook, N.H.
George L. Crosman	Lynn, Mass.
Sarah W. Newlin	Woodfords, Me.

For Two Years.

Thomas Wood	215 State Street, Boston, Mass.
John J. Frye	Portland, Me.
Benjamin Greene	Portsmouth, R. I.
Melvin M. Bailey	Portland, Me.

For Three Years.

Charles M. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Joseph E. Briggs	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Phebe S Aydelott	344 Rock Street, Fall River, Mass.
Benjamin F. Trueblood	3 Somerset Street, Boston, Mass.

TRUSTEES.

Olney T. Meader, one year. D. Wheeler Swift, two years.
Samuel Buffum, three years.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Yearly Meeting Superintendent—Lewis M. Douglas, Portland, Me.
Secretary—Eliza A. Jones, 329 Boston Street, Lynn, Mass.
Treasurer—Linwood W. Jones, South China, Me.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

George L. Crosman	Lynn, Mass.
Anna J. Goddard	North Freeport, Me.
Charles E. Bishop	Lynn, Mass.

QUARTERLY MEETING SUPERINTENDENTS.

Rhode Island	G. Mahlon Chace.
Salem	Jennie T. Bishop.
Sandwich	George R. Wood.
Falmouth	Lewis M. Douglas.
Smithfield	Bertha T. Pinkham.
Vassalboro	Anna M. Priest.
Dover	William T. Hussey.
Fairfield	Alfred W. Hawkes.
Parsonsfield	Cornelius Turner.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

For One Year.

Clarence I. Pinkham	Dover, N. H.
Elizabeth B Lord	North Berwick, Me.
C. Irving Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Martha B. Osborne	Manchester, Me.
Thomas W. Hoag	North Sandwich, N. H.
Melissa S. Dearborn	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Eliza A. Jones	Lynn, Mass.

For Two Years.

Thomas J. Battey	Providence, R. I.
Marianna Gifford	Fall River, Mass.
George F. Morse	Hallowell, Me.
A. Chalkley Collins	Great Barrington, Mass.
Charles E. Bishop	Lynn, Mass.
Sarah H. Taber	New Bedford, Mass.
John F. Chace	Manchester, N. H.

For Three Years

Elbridge W. Packard	Lewiston, Me.
Anna J. Goddard	North Freeport, Me.
Elisha T. Read	Woonsocket, R. I.
Alice M. Dow	Bolton, Mass.
Linwood W. Jones	South China, Me.
Abbey P. Jenkins	East Vassalboro, Me.
George L. Crosman	Lynn, Mass.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Chairman—Phebe S. Aydelott.
Financial Secretary—Deborah P. Atherton.
Treasurer of Yearly Meeting (*ex-officio*)—Samuel R. Buffinton.

Rhode Island	Charles W. Earle, Phebe S. Aydelott.
Salem	Olney T. Meader, Alice W. Maxfield.
Sandwich	John B. Baylies, Susan F. Hoxie.
Falmouth	J. Hacker Hall, Myra E. Frye.
Smithfield	D. Wheeler Swift, Deborah P. Atherton.
Vassalboro	William A. Jones, Elizabeth K. Jones.
Dover	George Irving Jenness, Almira B. Buffum.
Fairfield	I. Warren Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey.
Parsonsfield	Silas H. Cartland, Elizabeth S. Hoag.

COMMITTEE ON INCOME OF MOSHER FUND.

Chairman—Alfred H. Jones.
Secretary—Deborah P. Atherton,
Treasurer—J. Ellwood Paige.

For One Year.

Samuel Buffum.
J. Ellwood Paige.
Susan Peckham.

For Two Years.

Edward T. Tucker.
Alice W. Hawkes.
Mary W. Jones, of Winthrop Centre.

For Three Years.

Alfred H. Jones.
Deborah P. Atherton.
Mary L. Cobb.

TRUSTEES OF MOSHER FUND.

Charles M. Bailey.
Olney T. Meader.
Joseph D. Wood.

COMMITTEE ON PURITY.

William P. Pinkham.
Alvano C. Goddard.
Charles H. Jones.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE DISCIPLINE.

Chosen by the Quarterly Meetings.

Rhode Island	Charles W. Earle, Adaline F. Chace.
Salem	Charles H. Jones, Mary B. Swan.
Sandwich	Edward T. Tucker, Ruth S. Murray.
Falmouth	John J. Frye, Lucy R. Goddard.
Smithfield	William P. Pinkham, Deborah P. Atherton.
Vassalboro	William H. Cates, Etta S. Cates.
Dover	Samuel Buffum, Emeline H. Tuttle.
Fairfield	I. Warren Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey.
Parsonsfield	Elizabeth G. Meader, Silas H. Cartland.

Additional Appointments by the Yearly Meeting.

Rufus M. Jones.
Joseph E. Briggs.
Alfred H. Jones.
Phebe S. Aydelott.
George A. Barton.
Robert P. Gifford.
Edward G. Wood.
Myra E. Frye.
Phebe L. Pope.
Mary W. Jones.
Augustine Jones.
Benjamin F. Trueblood.
John Ellwood Paige.
William O. Newhall.
H. Herbert Goddard.
Susan Peckham.
Jesse McPherson.
Salome C. Wheeler.
Charles W. Webber.
Susan F. Hoxie.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

For One Year.

Samuel R. Buffinton.
Susan Peckham.
Robert P. Gifford.
Hannah J. Bailey.

For Two Years.

John J. Frye.
James M. Estes.
Susan F. Hoxie.
Henry F. Newell.

For Three Years.

John S. Kimber.
Lewis M. Douglas.
Mary W. Macomber.
Myra E. Frye.

YEARLY MEETING CORRESPONDENTS.

Joseph Cartland	Newburyport, Mass.
Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.

MINUTES

OF

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

WOMEN FRIENDS.

1897.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

FOURTH-DAY MORNING, SIXTH MONTH 16TH, 1897.

The Meeting met in separate session, according to adjournment.

An epistle from our sisters in Dublin has been read to our edification.

This Meeting is united in the opinion that there will be no need of a separate session for the Women during our next Yearly Meeting.

The report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society has been read, and we are encouraged by it.

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS:

STATISTICS.

	Number of Auxiliaries.		Number of Members.		Honorary Members.	
	1896	1897	1896	1897	1896	1897
Rhode Island .	6	6	84	96	4	8
Salem	6	6	132	113	18	18
Sandwich . . .	4	4	52	49	5	0
Falmouth . . .	4	4	86	67	19	9
Smithfield . . .	2	2	37	42	0	0
Vassalboro . . .	3	3	55	65	11	8
Dover	1	1	10	9	0	0
Fairfield . . .	3	3	61	61	30	19
Parsonsfield . .	2	2	27	27	0	0
Total	31	31	544	529	87	62

As in years past, the two Missions in Ramallah and Oklahomo claim our first attention, but aid has also been extended to Alaska, India, and the Jewish Mission at Chicago, and there have been lectures on the work in Alaska, Rome, Africa, and India.

Unless we restrict our influence, and do less than in years past, it will be needful for us to raise next year $2,000, which means an average of about $65 for each auxiliary, but which must necessarily vary, with the size and warmth of the auxiliary, from $5 to $105.

After the new Board is elected and the work planned for the year, the auxiliaries will be informed, and while the Board must use the money as the work demands, it is often more satisfactory for auxiliaries to choose the part of the work they will aim to provide for. Seven auxiliaries and bands were pledged last year for the support of special girls at Ramallah ($65 per year), and have found great satisfaction in so pledging themselves. Some auxiliaries have kept in lively touch with both Missions by working definitely for both. One girl at the Kickapoo Mission costs $60 per year.

The number of auxiliaries remains the same. Our Treasurer reports twenty-seven life members. Our membership is less than last year, the number of honorary members also, but Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting shows a notable increase in membership. Let us not, however, be discouraged, but each one of us see to it that as far as possible all the Friends of New England, both men and women, be members of the W. F. M. S. next year.

There have been held only forty-four public meetings this year. So many auxiliaries speak favorably of having made the annual meeting a public meeting that we propose to others to do likewise. When our President has been secured for an address, much satisfaction has been expressed.

We would gladly speak of the work of our Friends Timothy and Anna Hussey, at Ramallah, but the full report from the Yearly Meeting Committee makes ours unnecessary.

At the Kickapoo Mission work goes on as usual, with never-failing, untiring patience and courage on the part of our missionaries, and slow but sure gain among those for whom they work. Elizabeth Test found solace for waiting so long for the new well in the fact that one of the well-makers was converted meanwhile. The water supply is still imperfect, but the outlook, seen through the eyes of our ever-courageous Elizabeth Test, is hopeful. They have been rejoicing over the unusually abundant rain water this winter.

In the Women's Meeting of our last Yearly Meeting, there was a movement to build a tabernacle at the Kickapoo Mission, which was speedily done, and it has been a great comfort and help to our "faint not" missionaries there, and in it many souls have been greatly blessed. It is 30 x 60 feet, partially open in the summer, and one half of it wholly closed in the winter, with a stove in it. At one end there are arrangements for giving the Indians a simple dinner after meeting.

There have been thirteen in the school most of the year. The teacher is a sweet Christian woman who mother's the children in school and out. She is planning to camp out with them this summer, moving from place to place to satisfy their roaming nature, so that they may not have to return to the influences of the Indian camp during vacation.

Four barrels were sent to the Mission at Christmas time, and one hundred and forty Kickapoos gathered at the tabernacle to receive them. They began with a good meeting, wherein E. Test writes: "The blessed Holy Spirit was present, and there was a tendering of hearts before Him." A new and delightful feature of the distribution of gifts was that the Indians gave to each other articles prepared under tbe care of the missionaries.

We would commend more extended use of mite boxes. Let every member have one for herself, every house-keeper put one in her guest chamber, and let each member give one outside the society. Reports show that the Meetings held for opening these boxes have been occasions of interest and profit.

Some Treasurers have been authorized to subscribe for the Missionary Review for the use of the Auxiliary, useful alike to loan for individual reading and for clippings for the Monthly Meetings. The Church must be educated in the principles of missions. One auxiliary plans to have every member take the Advocate this year. Those who study the carefully-prepared Advocate lessons are helped thereby, but it is desirable that more use them. Beneficial results have followed in some auxiliaries by calling on members of our Christian Endeavor Societies, and also on women outside of Friends, to present the lessons. In one society the Literature Superintendent furnishes other helps.

The past year of great financial depression has been the cause of much falling off in the amount of money given to Missions, but if only all of it were given as was the widow's mite the amount could make no difference to the grand result or to the welcome the givers will receive when they go hence to meet the Lord of the Harvest and hear His welcome greeting: "Thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things."

ALICE W. MAXFIELD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LITERATURE FROM FOURTH MONTH 1ST, 1896, TO FOURTH MONTH 1ST, 1897.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF WOMAN FRIENDS:

There are throughout the Yearly Meeting thirty-one auxiliaries of the W. F. M. S. In these auxiliaries there are five hundred and twenty-nine members, two hundred and twenty-three of whom subscribe for the Missionary Advocate. There are five auxiliaries, however, where no copy of this valuable paper is taken. Would it not be well, in case a certain number of copies are taken on the Mosher Fund as last year, to send one to the Superintendent of Literature in each of these auxiliaries. It was requested in Fourth Month that each Yearly Meeting furnish one hundred additional subscribers to the Advocate, on an offer of nine numbers for thirty-eight cents. Ought not we of New England Yearly Meeting to do our part? And can we not?

Nine missionary libraries are reported, which contain sixty-two bound volumes, besides pamphlets, etc.

During the year, three hundred and fifty leaflets have been sent to the local Superintendents of Literature. Of the seven hundred and seventy-eight distributed, one hundred and sixty-five were distributed by the South China auxiliary, and one hundred and fifty by the Portland auxiliary; while some have not distributed any. This branch of the work is falling off, which we regret, for sometimes a little story has a powerful influence for good. Let us faithfully do our part, that it may be said of each of us, "she hath done what she could."

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY M. JONES,
General Superintendent of Literature.

LIMINGTON, ME., Sixth Month 7th, 1897.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PROPORTIONATE AND SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England:

The statistics of this Department, as reported by the auxiliaries, are as follow:

Number of tracts distributed	481
Number of mite boxes given out	119
Number of addresses delivered	9
Number who practice proportionate giving	109
Amount of mite box collections	$91.02

The manner of raising money seems to be about the same as last year. The number practicing proportionate giving is smaller than last year, but it is possible that part of this change may be accounted for by the new blank, which definitely limits the number to those giving a tenth or other definite proportion of the income One auxiliary which reports four proportionate givers has six others who regularly give fifty cents at each Meeting. Another says they all give all they can, and cannot be limited to a tenth. It seems to your Superintendent that these latter are on very uncertain ground, and that it would be far better to give a tenth or a fifth and then give all they could afterwards. The influence of proportionate giving as an example seems better than to give indefinitely. No one is limited to the tenth, but something definite is much more certain to be done.

Your Superintendent regrets to report that three auxiliaries have failed entirely to report, three others do not carry on this department, and several others send such imperfect reports that but very little information can be obtained from them. It is discouraging to try to make bricks without straw, particularly when nothing can be obtained as a substitute. If auxiliary Superintendents would remember that the Yearly Meeting Superintendent can only report from the material furnished, and that "several" or a "good many" do not count in adding up a column of figures, a clear and satisfactory report could be presented to the Yearly Meeting and to the Missionary Advocate. Let us all try to bring about this improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

D. P. ATHERTON, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF JUNIOR AND JUVENILE BANDS.

To the W. F. M. S. of New England Yearly Meeting:

As nearly as we can judge, the work the past year has been as follows:

The "Buds of Promise" at South Durham have disbanded and are now a Junior C. E., but have held missionary meetings once a month, and have sent the money collected to the Treasurer of the W. F. M. S.

At (Pleasant Valley) Amesbury, the band has not properly disbanded, but have not held any meetings.

Portland band has met once a month. They have made patch work and dressed some dolls for our Indian mission. Some of the older members, having other duties, have dropped off.

The "Willing Workers" at North Berwick have now only eight members, some of the most active having moved to other towns. They are engaged in Christian Endeavor work, but have continued their support of a little girl in the day school at Ramallah.

The band at Central Village, Mass., has nine members; six of these vary in age from twelve to five years. The other three are older. They have raised $86.95 by taking a collection in the Monthly Meeting, by sale of fancy and useful articles, ice cream, home-made candies and cake. They have supported a girl at the Training Home at Ramallah, and have taken great interest in the pictures sent them by Timothy B. Hussey, and are often heard explaining to visitors as they point to the little girl marked in the pictures for them: "This is the little girl we send our money to help"; or, "We take care of this one." They hold their meetings on the first Sabbath in each month, after the regular meeting for worship and before the Sabbath School. This secures a good attendance of those not members of the band. The children sing and recite pieces.

At Winthrop Centre a band was organized by Etta Johnston last Ninth Month. They call themselves "The King's Children," and under their enthusiastic leader, whose whole heart is in the work, they are trying to do their best. There are now thirty-five interested members. They raised $25 before Fourth Month, which they sent for Ramallah. They then decided to begin a new year, so as to have their reports correspond in time of closing with that of the W. F. M. S. They earned this money by doing errands for their parents, selling book marks with Scripture texts Etta Johnston had written upon them, also in trading with a capital of ten cents she loaned them for that purpose. Two public meetings have been held in connection with the Women's Auxiliary. The children added greatly to the interest of the meetings, and the collections taken up were given to them.

May God's richest blessing rest upon the children of New England Yearly Meeting, because of the earnest prayers of consecrated fathers and mothers, and they be persuaded, because of the good teaching and example of all that are older, to give their young hearts wholly to Christ our Saviour, and so be prepared to carry out His last command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Respectfully submitted,

MARY W. JONES.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, FROM FOURTH MONTH 1ST, 1896, TO FOURTH MONTH 1ST, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.		
Swansea Auxiliary	$251 50	
Newport	36 25	
Fall River	75 49	
Providence	107 25	
Portsmouth	6 35	
East Greenwich	4 00	
		$480 84
Salem Quarterly Meeting.		
Salem Auxiliary	$22 04	
Lynn Auxiliary	162 50	
Amesbury Auxiliary	40 00	
Boston Auxiliary	95 91	
		$320 45
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.		
Westport Auxiliary	$49 00	
Allen's Neck	46 00	
Long Plain	15 00	
Smith's Neck	17 79	
		$127 79
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting.		
Winthrop Centre Auxiliary	$115 00	
West Gardiner Auxiliary	5 00	
Hallowell Auxiliary	10 40	
		$130 40
Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting.		
East Parsonsfield Auxiliary	$13 00	
North Sandwich Auxiliary	22 42	
		$35 42
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting.		
Portland Auxiliary	$71 15	
South Durham Auxiliary	57 50	
East Durham Auxiliary	65 00	
Windham Centre Auxiliary	13 00	
		$206 65
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.		
Bolton Auxiliary	$72 00	
Woonsocket Auxiliary	71 00	
		$143 00
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting.		
East Vassalboro Auxiliary	$65 00	
China Auxiliary	65 00	
Unity Auxiliary	8 50	
		$138 50

Dover Quarterly Meeting.

North Berwick Auxiliary	$12 00	
		$12 20

Bible School Collections.

Newport	$3 59	
Fall River	24 75	
Providence	11 00	
Portsmouth	5 00	
Somerset	8 63	
Central Village	3 00	
Saylesville	2 00	
Salem	2 00	
Amesbury	4 15	
Boston	10 20	
Henniker	50	
South Weare	1 00	
North Weare	3 00	
East Lynn Chapel	9 26	
Lowell	1 03	
Lawrence	5 27	
Pittsfield	2 41	
Centre Sidney	2 50	
Portland	12 75	
Northbridge	6 00	
Gonic	8 00	
Dover	10 00	
		$136 04

From Y. P. S. C. E. of New England Yearly Meeting, by F. C. Dearborn, treasurer, for school at Kickapoo Mission		$30 00
Y. P. S. C. E. of New England Yearly Meeting, by D. E. Maxfield, treasurer, for stock, well and force pump		$10 00
Y. P. S. C. E., Fall River, for stock, well and pump	$1 35	
" Newport, " "	1 25	
" Westport, " "	3 00	
" Amesbury, " "	2 50	
" Portsmouth, " "	3 30	
" Salem, " "	18 25	
		$29 65

From Mission Bands.

"Willing Workers," North Berwick	$10 00	
East Durham Mission Band	9 50	
King's Children of Winthrop Centre, for day scholars at Ramallah	25 00	
Manchester Juvenile Band	5 00	
		$49 50

From Emma C. Swift, by S. J. Swift, for support of girl in Training Home	$65 00	
Caroline Earle and Nancy E. Smith, by S. J. Swift, for girl in Training Home	65 00	
Eunice A. Greene, for day scholar at Ramallah	5 00	
Elizabeth M. Hawkes, for day scholar at Ramallah	5 00	
W. F. M. Board of Indiana Yearly Meeting, for medical department at Ramallah Mission, by Anna M. Roberts, treasurer	50 00	
E. H. Johnston	30 00	
S. J. S.	40 00	
D. P. A.	5 00	
Sophronia Leggett	1 00	
A Friend	2 00	
Martha Grieves	10 00	
Collection at public meeting at Newport	47 75	
From Mary G. Winslow, trustee	3 75	
		$329 50
		$2,179 74
Received for tabernacle at Kickapoo Mission, and forwarded to E. Test		$211 00

One honorary life membership fee has been received this year from Winthrop Centre Auxiliary, for Charles M. Bailey.

EXPENDITURES.

Sarah J. Swift, Treasurer Foreign Mission Committee, for girls in Training Home	$1,300 00	
Sarah J. Swift, for nine day scholars	45 00	
Sarah J. Swift, W. F. M. Board of Indiana Yearly Meeting	50 00	
Elizabeth Test, and Lina Hunt, salaries	600 00	
Elizabeth Test, from Y. P. S. C. E., for school and well	48 10	
Ellen W. Longstreth, for Jewish Mission	44 76	
Ellen W. Longstreth, annual membership fees	16 32	
Katherine Dixon, India, for support of Effie E. Swan	25 00	
Mary G. Winslow, trustee, honorary life membership fee	20 00	
Postage and stationery	4 77	
G. C. Herbert, printing	5 15	
Expenses of public meeting, Newport	20 00	
		$2,179 10
Balance in treasury Fourth Month 1st, 1897		64
		$2,179 74

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN H. MEADER, *Treasurer.*

LIFE MEMBERS.

Elizabeth T. Larkin.
Caroline Alice Jones.
Hannah B. Farr.
Etta H. Johnston.
Ruth S. Murray.
Ellen K. Buffum.
Phebe S. Aydelott.
Sarah J. Swift.
Elizabeth A. Gifford.
Lina B. Lunt.
Lucy R. Goddard.
Adaline F. Chace.
Lettie M. Bailey.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Mary R. Osborne.
Huldah H. Leighton.
Anna G. Wood.
Emeline H. Tuttle.
Mary H. Robinson.
Mary E. Gifford.
Mary S. Macomber.
Hannah G. Sherman.
Tacie P. Hawkes.
Myra E. Frye.
M. Augusta Battey.
Sophia D. Bailey.

Charles M. Bailey, honorary life member.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the Treasurer's report, with proper vouchers, and find them correct.

E. W. SWAN, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF W. F. M. S. FOR NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.

RECEIPTS.		
Interest on A. F. Cox and Sons' note	$3 75	
For one membership	20 00	
		$23 75
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid Susan H. Meader	$3 75	
Deposit in Savings Bank	20 00	
		$23 75
AMOUNT HELD IN TRUST.		
In Augusta Savings Bank	$320 00	
Nebraska Loan and Trust Co.	200 00	
A. F. Cox and Sons' Note	100 00	
		$620 00

For the Trustees,

MARY G. WINSLOW.

WINTHROP CENTRE, ME., Sixth Month 9th, 1897.

I have examined the report of the Trustees and find it correct with voucher for money paid out.

A. W. MAXFIELD, *Auditor pro. tem.*

The following-named Friends have been appointed as officers of the Society for the ensuing year:

President—Phebe S. Aydelott, 344 Rock street, Fall River, Mass.

Vice-Presidents-at-Large—Myra E. Frye, Woodfords, Me.; Ruth S. Murray, Grove Street, New Bedford, Mass.

Corresponding Secretary—Alice W. Maxfield, Amesbury, Mass.

Recording Secretary—Abby M. C. Breed, 27 Beach Ave., Lynn, Mass.

Treasurer—Susan H. Meader, 634 Warren Street, Roxbury Mass

QUARTERLY MEETING VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Rhode Island—Adaline F. Chace, box 416, Fall River, Mass.
Salem—Jennie W. Crosman, Mountain Ave., Lynn, Mass.
Sandwich—Elizabeth A. Gifford, Adamsville, R. I.
Smithfield—Sarah J. Swift, 22 Oak Avenue, Worcester, Mass.
Dover—Almira B. Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
Falmouth—Miriam C. Webber, Lisbon Falls, Me.
Vassalboro—Eliza P. Pierce, East Vassalboro, Me.
Parsonsfield—Mary L. Cobb, Parsonsfield, Me.
Fairfield—Elizabeth M. Hawkes, Manchester, Me.

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND.

For one year—Anna M. Gove, Seabrook, N. H.
For two years—Mary G. Winslow, Winthrop Centre, Me.
For three years—Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Proportionate and Systematic Giving—Deborah P. Atherton, Uxbridge, Mass.
Literature—Emily M. Jones, Limington, Me.
Junior and Juvenile Work—Henrietta H. Johnston, Winthrop Centre, Me.

AUDITORS.

M. Augusta Battey, Providence, R. I.; Elizabeth W. Swan, 2 Derne Street, Boston, Mass.

BOX COMMITTEE.

Chairman—Olive H. Weeks, Friends' School, Providence, R. I.
Isabel D. Chase, Cherry Street, Lynn, Mass.
Emma A. Douglas, Portland, Me.

The Report on Purity has been read and warmly approved, and we appoint the same committee for the ensuing year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PURITY.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:

Reports have been received from nearly all the members of this committee.

Fairfield Quarter reports over a thousand pages of literature distributed, much personal work done, and one good strong sermon preached on the subject of purity.

Parsonsfield Quarter reports no special work done.

One member in Rhode Island Quarter has been able to do but little, owing to continued ill health, but has used her voice and influence whenever she has had opportunity, and the cause has had her earnest prayers. Another, through absence from home nearly all winter, and sickness and death in the family since her return, has been able to do but little. Arrangements were made by which Mary J. Weaver, of Batavia, N. Y., held special meetings with both boys and girls at Friends' School at Providence, upon which we trust the blessing of God will rest. The value of such work with the young can hardly be over-estimated.

Dover reports "no aggressive work done," which perhaps means that no public meetings have been held, but literature has been distributed, and there have been faithful talks with boys and girls as the way has opened; the report of the last Purity Congress has been loaned, and the subject often dwelt on in the ministry.

In Sandwich Quarter a member of our committee holds a Mothers' Meeting in connection with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

In Vassalboro Quarter four Mothers' Meetings have been held, more than a thousand pages of literature distributed, twenty-two "My Promise" pledge cards of purity used, and other personal work done, among which was the rescuing of a young person from a life of shame. Several books upon the subject have been kept in circulation, and an address was given before the annual convention of the Woman's Christan Temperance Union of Kennebec County, which resulted in a marked increase of interest in the work.

In Smithfield Quarter our committee has worked mostly in the local Woman's Christian Temperance Union, talked with mothers and others, distributed literature, kept in circulation "The Mothers' Friend" and "New Crusade," by Dr. Mary Wood Allen.

In Salem Quarter one member of our Committee has superintended Mothers' Meetings in the local Woman's Christian Temperance Union, has held four Mothers' Meetings in that capacity, one being in Derry and one in Tilton, N. H., and also conducted the Mothers' Hour at the State Convention held in Claremont, N. H.

A new edition of a thousand copies of the leaflet entitled "The Questioning Age," written by a member of this committee, has been printed. Literature helpful to young mothers has been sent out, leaflets for young people distributed wherever there has been an opportunity, and there have been many.

Two young women from our Yearly Meeting being providentially in a distant state through the winter, held meetings for mothers and also for young girls, and distributed literature helpful to the work, some of which is published by this committee.

A copy of the report of the Purity Congress was put in the hands of the Preceptress of Oak Grove Seminary for use in the school.

We have endeavored to be on the watch for opportunities, and to improve them as they have arisen, trusting, as we faithfully sowed the good seed, the Heavenly Husbandman would care for it and cause it to spring up and bear fruit to His glory.

ELIZABETH T. LARKIN, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received at Yearly Meeting, 1896		$17 50
Paid for New Crusade	$1 50	
1,000 copies of leaflet	3 85	
Five copies Philanthropist	4 00	
Report of Purity Congress	2 25	
White Cross work	1 00	
Express and postage	50	
Literature	4 40	
		$17 50

MARY ALMY CHASE, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEE ON THE SUBJECT OF PURITY.

Chairman—Emeline H. Tuttle.
Corresponding Secretary—Elizabeth T. Larkin.
Recording Secretary—Salome C. Wheeler.
Treasurer—Mary Almy Chase.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Mary Almy Chase. Mary C. Baylies. Martha B. Osborne.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Mary A. Chase, box 124, Manchester, N. H.
Elizabeth T. Larkin, 72 Central Street, Peabody, Mass.
Mary C. Baylies, 74 Bedford Street, New Bedford, Mass.
Emeline H. Tuttle, Dover, N. H.
Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge. Mass.
Abbie P. Jenkins, East Vassalboro, Me.
Martha B. Osborne, Manchester, Me.
Phebe L. Pope, East Parsonsfield, Me.
H. Elizabeth Jones, Amesbury, Mass.
Adeline F. Chace, box 355, Fall River, Mass.
Angeline McPherson, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Adeline P. Briggs, care Hoxie Bros., Phenix, R. I.
Eliza B. Douglas, Lisbon Falls, Me.

We have been exhorted to be faithful in our allotted places, especially have we been encouraged to listen to the call to the ministry that may come to any of us, ever abiding in the vine and drawing our sap from Him.

Adjourned to meet with men Friends in joint session.

ALICE W. MAXFIELD,

Clerk of Women's Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The Eighth Annual Business Meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was held Sixth Month 12th, 1897, at 2.00 P.M., at Portland, Maine.

The meeting was opened with singing and prayer.

In the absence of the Secretary, Abby M. C. Breed was chosen to act for the day.

The records of the last meeting not being on the table, their reading was deferred.

Delegates from the local societies responded to their names as follows: —

Amesbury.—Alice W. Jones.

Portland.—Howard C. Hawkes, Lucy J. Goddard, Elizabeth M. Frye, Lucie A. Hawkes, Sibley Converse, Mrs. Nellie Hoyt, F. C. Dearborn, Marion A. Goddard.

Augusta.—Mary C. Farr, Gertrude E. Frye.

South China.—Linwood W. Jones, Harry W. Austin.

Fairfield.—Horace M. Hall.

Woonsocket.—Oscar J. Morse, Bertha T. Pinkham.

Boston.—Lindsey S. Jones, Alice R. Jones, Mary A. Gove.

Newport.—J. Shober Kimber, Mary E. Kimber, Albert Cornell, Mrs. Albert Cornell.

Anthony, R. I.—A. E. Kelsey.

Worcester.—Lillian E. Taylor.

Rochester, N. H.—Flora S. Evans.

Lynn.—Mary S. Paige, Abby M. C. Breed, Cyrus Jones.

It is only just to say that many more delegates were in attendance of the Yearly Meeting, but some had another meeting at the same time. It was thought best not to call their names again at the evening session.

The records of the last meeting were read and accepted.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY FOR YEAR ENDING FIFTH MONTH 15, 1897.

QUARTERLY MEETING.	RHODE ISLAND.			SALEM.							SANDWICH.		
No. of Societies	7			14							3		
No. of new Societies organized during past year	3			. .							. .		
No. of Societies disbanded	. .			. .							. .		
LOCAL SOCIETIES.	Somerset.	Fall River.	Saylesville.	Boston.	Lynn	Amesbury.	Lawrence	So. Pittsfield.	Salem	East Lynn	Westport.	Smith Neck	Allens Neck
No. of Active Members	62	15	31		18	15		16		52			
No. of Associate Members	12	4	2		3	3		1		16			
No. of Honorary Members	2	3	. .		12	13		1		14			
No. who have joined during the year ending with last Yearly Meeting — Active	. .	1	8		2	. .		. .		11			
Associate	. .	1	. .		. .	. .		. .		3			
Honorary	. .	. .	.		. .	. .		. .		. .			
No. of accessions to the Church from Societies during the year	2	. .	1		. .	. .		. .		7			
No. of members pledged for two cents or more a week for Missions	. .	. .	6		. .	12		. .		10			
No. who tithe their income	. .	4	. .		6	A few		. .		3			
No. who give systematically, not included above	. .	3	2		. .	. .		. .		22			
No. who pursue systematically Religious or Miss. reading	. .	5	Nearly all		. .	. .		1		10			
Amount of money raised, Home Missions	. .	$5.55	$2.00		$3.85	. .		. .		$35.27			
Amount of money raised, Foreign Missions	. .	$17.00	$2.00		$2.50	$2.50		. .		. .			
Amount of money raised for other purposes	. .	$14.77	$16.00		$9 10	$5.00		$50.00		$33.65			
Where do you expend your Foreign Mission money	Kickapoo Indians	Kickapoo's Indian Famine	. .		Kickapoos	. .		. .		. .			

STATISTICAL REPORT — CONTINUED.

QUARTERLY MEETING.	FALMOUTH.			SMITHFIELD.			VASSALBORO.						
No. of Societies				3									
No. of new Societies organized during year				. .									
No. of Societies disbanded				. .									
LOCAL SOCIETIES.	Portland	South Durham	Lewiston	Woonsocket	Bolton	Worcester	So. China	West China	Unity	East Vassalboro	Oak Grove	Lake View	Br'ks
No. of Active Members	49	30		33			23			47			
No. of Associate Members	4	6		10			1			17			
No. of Honorary Members	6	1		6			5			. .			
No. who have joined during the year ending with last Yearly Meeting — Active	14	3		13			3			3			
Associate	2	1		. .			. .			. .			
Honorary	. .	. .		. .			. .			. .			
No. of accessions to the Church during year	8.	. .		2			. .			. .			
No. pledged for two cents or more a week for Missions	. .	. .		. .			. .			. .			
No. who tithe their income	. .	7		7			3			2			
No. who give systematically, not included above	. .	. .		6			5			10			
No. who pursue systematically Religious or Miss reading	. .	. .		. .			. .			20			
Amount of money raised for Home Missions	. .	. .		$12.00			. .			. .			
Amount for Foreign Missions	$9.45	. .		. .			. .			. .			
Amount for other purposes	$22.25	$3.50		. .			. .			. .			
Where do you expend your Foreign Mission money	Indians	. .		. .			. .			. .			

STATISTICAL REPORT — CONTINUED.

QUARTERLY MEETING.	DOVER.	FAIRFIELD.							PARSONSFIELD.	FRIENDS' BOARDING SCHOOL.
No. of Societies	2	7								1
No. new Societies organized during past year	2	2								1 Junior
No. Societies disbanded	. .	. .								. .
LOCAL SOCIETIES.	Meaderboro	Hallowell	Sidney Centre	West Gardiner	St. Alb'ns	East St. Alb'ns	Augusta	No. Fairfield		Friends' Boarding School
No. of Active Members	11	28	22		32	20	26	29	No Societies in this Quarterly Meeting.	74
No. of Associate Members	No report from Gonic.	2	15		23	1	. .	4		22
No. of Honorary Members		. .	4		. .	. .	. .	2		. .
No. who have joined during the year ending with last Yearly Meeting — Active		8	6		1	20	16	4		13
No. who have joined during the year ending with last Yearly Meeting — Associate		.	5		. .	1	14	. .		10
No. who have joined during the year ending with last Yearly Meeting — Honorary		. .	. .		. .	. .	. .	. .		. .
No. of accessions to the Church from Societies during the year		5	. .		11	. .	. .	3		. .
No. pledged for two cents or more a week for Missions		. .	. .		. .	. .	. .	. .		. .
No. who tithe their income		. .	. .		. .	. .	. .	. .		. .
No. who give systematically, not included above		. .	. .		. .	. .	4	. .		. .
No. who pursue systematically Religious or Miss. reading		. .	. .		. .	. .	. .	. .		. .
Amount of money raised, Home Missions		. .	$1.32		. .	$16.50	. .	. .		. .
Amount of money raised, Foreign Missions		. .	$7.30		$5.00	$2.00	. .	. .		$65.00
Amount raised for other purposes		$15.00	$5.28		$16.75	. .	. .	. .		. .
Where do you expend your Foreign Mission money		. .	Armenia India		India	India	. .	. .		Ramallah

JUNIOR SOCIETIES
REPORTED AT

Saylesville, R.I.
Somersworth, N.H.
South China, Me.
Friends' School, Providence.
Portland, Me.
Woonsocket, R.I.

NEW SOCIETIES
REPORTED AT

Anthony, R I.
East Greenwich, R.I.
Meaderboro, N.H.
Gonic, N.H.
East St. Albans, Me.
North Fairfield, Me.

The following report of the Organizer was read and accepted :

REPORT OF ORGANIZER.

To the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of New England Yearly Meeting : —

The work the past year has progressed somewhat; much in proportion as God's spirit has been allowed to work through and by His children; and, owing to the faithful labors of a comparatively few workers, several new societies have been started. Your Organizer has probably had but little influence except in the mechanical organizing of a part of these societies. The encouraging of established societies has been left mostly to the evangelistic superintendent.

The society at West Epping was visited last October and found to be in a prosperous condition, with about twenty members, mostly active; but no way was seen to connect it with this Union, as it is not composed of Friends. The Lawrence society was also visited and found to need a little stirring up.

Being anxious that there should be at least one society in Dover quarter, we visited the Quarterly Meeting at Meaderboro and started a small society there, which has grown and been a blessing to the Church and community, and has lent its influence in starting one at Gonic.

At Anthony and East Greenwich, R. I., the work has commenced small, but quite encouraging, as it is in a growing condition. In organizing a Christian Endeavor Society, we are not so anxious for numbers as for consecrated Christians.

Evangelistic work is much needed to prepare the hearts of the members for more aggressive Christian Endeavor work, as well as to bring unbelievers into the Way of Life, where they will want to work for Christ and the Church. Our societies should make more effort to accomplish definite committee work, that the churches and committees to which they belong may feel that there is a power for good in their midst.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH EARLE, *Organizer.*

The following report of the Corresponding Secretary was read and accepted : —

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

To the Friends' Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of New England Yearly Meeting :—

Several letters have been received and several written during the past year. Three new societies have been reported to me, one at Anthony, R. I., one at Gonic, N. H., and one at Meaderboro, N. H.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY J. GODDARD,
Corresponding Secretary.

No report from the Superintendent of Junior Work.

The following report of the Treasurer was read and accepted :—

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

1896.	RECEIPTS.	
6th Mo. 13.	To Balance from last year	$22 61
6th Mo. 13.	To Collection at Yearly Meeting	12 85
12th Mo. 31.	To Received from Fall River Society for Mission Work	7 80
1897.		
1st Mo. 15.	To Received from Allen's Neck Society for Foreign Missions	18 00
1st Mo. 27.	To Received from Somerset Society	2 25
5th Mo. 20.	To Received from Saylesville Society for Foreign Missions	2 00
		$65 51

1896.	EXPENDITURES.	
9th Mo. 13.	By Paid to E. C. Ferris	$ 5 00
10th Mo. 9.	By Paid to Ralph Earle (Organizer)	10 00
1897.		
1st Mo. 28.	By Paid to Nellie Hussey, Supt. of Mission Work	25 80
5th Mo. 5.	By Paid to Ralph Earle, (Organizer)	10 00
6th Mo. 9.	By Paid to Susan H. Meader	2 00
6th Mo. 12.	By Balance on hand	12 71
		$65 51

ACCOUNT OF MONEY GIVEN FOR THE KICKAPOO INDIAN MISSION.

1896.	RECEIPTS.	
11th Mo. 18.	To Received from Lynn Society	$14 30
1897.		
2d Mo. 27.	To Received from Fall River Society	10 00
5th Mo. 21.	To Received from Portland Society	9 45
5th Mo. 22.	To Received from Woonsocket Society	12 00
		$45 75

1897.	EXPENDITURES.	
1st Mo. 28.	By Paid to Nellie Hussey, Supt. of Mission Work	$14 30
2d Mo. 27.	By Paid to Susan H. Meader	10 00
5th Mo. 21.	By Paid to Susan H. Meader	9 45
5th Mo. 22.	By Paid to Susan H. Meader	12 00
		$45 75

ACCOUNT OF MONEY GIVEN FOR EVANGELISTIC WORK.

1896.	RECEIPTS.	
6th Mo. 13.	To Balance from last year	$7 38
1897.		
3d Mo. 13.	To Received from Westport Society	2 00
		$9 38
1896.	EXPENDITURES.	
10th Mo. 9.	By Paid to Mary C. Farr, Supt. of Evangelistic Work .	$7 38
1897.		
3d Mo. 15.	By Paid to Mary C. Farr	2 00
		$9 38

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. MAXFIELD, *Treasurer.*

The following report of the Superintendent of Evangelistic Work was read and accepted :—

REPORT OF FRIENDS' YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR EVANGELIST.

As soon as I received notice of my appointment, I sent to the Treasurer for funds, that I might begin work at once; but by some means did not receive anything until the Autumn. After some time spent in Fairfield Quarter in November, could do no more through lack of means to defray expenses before the first week in March, when I began work in Swansea Monthly Meeting, going on as time admitted through Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

In most places visited the outlook is inspiring, but some societies need, and are so earnest to have the encouragement and strength which the Evangelist could give by helping them to a few extra meetings. In some places a series should have been held, in others, attendance on their regular meetings was sufficient. The Christian Endeavor motto, "For Christ and the Church" carried out in the lives and acts of our Endeavorers, is a great help to Friends' meetings and it is from this organization that their ranks must soon be filled in some localities. The need for personal work is very great along this line of Christian effort, as in all other departments of religious service. Although comparatively little has been accomplished the past year, we most earnestly hope enough has been done to call out your most prayerful interest for Christian Endeavor and hearty support of the Evangelist.

MARY C. FARR.

The following report of the Superintendent of Missionary Work was read and accepted :—

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONARY WORK.

To the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of New England Yearly Meeting :—

Your Superintendent regrets that through a misunderstanding and circumstances not under control little organized work has been done. A beginning has been made, however, and some money raised for missionary work.

The following is the statement of funds received and disbursed :—

Received of D. Ellwood Maxfield, Treas. of Y. P. S. C. E.		$42 10
Paid Sarah J. Swift, for Ramallah	$20 10	
Paid Samuel Buffum, for Indian work	20 00	
Paid Susan H. Meader, for Foreign Missions	2 00	
		$42 10

Respectfully submitted,

NELLIE M. HUSSEY.

It was voted that a committee be appointed to find a delegate to attend the International Convention in San Francisco in Seventh Month. They were as follows :—Abby M. C. Breed, Elmer E. Metzger and Frank E. Jones.

Voted to have a Nominating Committee appointed, one from each Quarterly Meeting, to bring forward names to this meeting for officers for the ensuing year. They were as follows :—A. Edward Kelsey, Lucy J. Goddard, Cora Evans, Mary A. Gove, Bertha T. Pinkham, Mary C. Farr, Philip A. Cornell and Harry W. Austin.

It was decided to have the Corresponding Secretary send word to the different societies four times a year, asking for funds for the use of the Evangelistic Superintendent.

Voted to have each Society sending delegates to our next Yearly Meeting to nominate one of their number to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee to bring forward names of officers for the next year ; this committee to be called together by the President before our next Yearly Meeting.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to notify the societies two months before said meeting and also to inform them where the Yearly Meeting is to be held.

The following report of the Nominating Committee was read and accepted :—

President—Arthur W. Hawkes, Portland, Me

Vice-President—Elisha T. Read, Woonsocket, R. I.

Recording Secretary—Abby M. C. Breed, Lynn, Mass.

Corresponding Secretary—Lucy J. Goddard, Deering, Me.

Treasurer—Frank E. Jones.

Organizer—Ralph Earle, Dighton, Mass.

Superintendent Junior Work—Exie Estes, Newport, R. I.

Superintendent Missionary Work—Alice W. Jones, Amesbury, Mass.

Superintendent Evangelistic Work—Mary C. Farr, Augusta, Me.

QUARTERLY MEETING SUPERINTENDENTS.

Rhode Island—James Estes, Newport, R. I.

Salem—Lucy M. Wood, 634 Warren Street, Boston, Mass.

Sandwich—Anna M. Gifford, Central Village, Mass.

Falmouth—Anna J. Goddard, North Freeport, Me.

Smithfield—Oscar J. Morse, Woonsocket, R. I.

Vassalboro—J. Albert Jones, South China, Me.

Dover—Flora S. Evans, Rochester, N. H.

Fairfield—George F. Morse.

Parsonsfield—Mary L. Cobb, East Parsonsfield, Me.

The Recording Secretary and Treasurer resigned on account of the pressure of other work. Bertha T. Pinkham, of Woonsocket, R. I., was made Secretary and Arthur Chace, Treasurer.

Decided to send Micajah M. Binford $5.00, as our annual fee to the International Union.

Adjourned. ABBY M. C. BREED, *Secretary pro. tem.*

EVENING.

The public meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of New England Yearly Meeting was held June 12th, at 7.30, at which the new president presided.

The meeting was opened by singing and prayer, followed by an address on "The Christian Endeavor Friend," by Ellison R. Purdy, of Portland, Me.

Clara C. Binford then gave a talk on Junior Work.

In an open parliament, conducted by Frank E. Jones of Swansea, Mass., the following subjects were discussed :—

The duty of the local Christian Endeavor Society to the Sunday School. Its duty to the Sunday morning and mid-week services. Its duty to the Associate Members. Its duty to the ministers. Its duty to the outside world.

The meeting closed with singing and prayer.

ARTHUR W. HAWKES, *President.*
BERTHA T. PINKHAM, *Recording Secretary.*

Corresponding Secretaries and Their Addresses.

East Lynn—Laura A. Ellison, 348 Essex Street, Lynn, Mass.
South Durham—Jennie P. Douglas, South Durham, Me.
Friends' School—Clara M. Abbott, Providence, R. I.
South China—J. Albert Jones, South China, Me.
Centre Sidney—Mabel M. Hoffman, West Sidney, Me.
South Pittsfield—Florence A. Dow, South Pittsfield, N. H.
Fall River—Marianna Gifford, 344 Rock Street, Fall River, Mass.
Meaderboro—Mrs. Ethel Huckins, Merrill, N. H.
Amesbury—Mary Ida Davis, Pleasant Valley, Amesbury, Mass.
East Greenwich—E. Hannah Tucker, East Greenwich, R. I.
Saylesville—Maggie Montgomery, Box 239, Lonsdale, R. I.
East Vassalboro—Mrs. Edwin Taber, East Vassalboro, Me.
Lynn—Mary S. Paige, 50 Chatham Street, Lynn, Mass.
Anthony—Carrie G. Buffinton, Anthony, R. I.
Portland—Mrs. Nellie M. Hoyt, 469 Cumberland Street, Portland, Me.
Woonsocket—L. Mabel Read, 498 South Main Street, Woonsocket, R. I.
Somerset—Mrs. Benjamin F. Chace, Fall River, Mass.
St. Albans—Alma Cooley, St. Albans, Me.
Hallowell—Mrs. George F. Morse, Hallowell, Me.
Augusta—Mary C. Farr, 59 Gage Street, Augusta, Me.
East St. Albans—Mabel E. Libby, St. Albans, Me.
North Fairfield—Hattie L. Badger, North Fairfield, Me.

TIME AND PLACE OF HOLDINGS

QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY MEETING.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is held on the 1st Fifth-day in Second, Fifth, Eighth and Eleventh months, at 10.30 A.M.

Second month, at Providence, R.I.

Fifth month, at East Greenwich, R.I.

Eighth month, at Newport, R.I.

Eleventh month, at Fall River, Mass.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, held last Fifth-day in each month, at 10.30 A.M. Even months at Portsmouth, odd months at Newport. Isaac B. Macomber, Correspondent, Portsmouth, R.I.

East Greenwich Monthly Meeting, held at East Greenwich, Second-day before the 1st Fifth-day in First, Fourth, Seventh and Tenth months, at 11.00 A.M. Charles W. Earle, Correspondent, East Greenwich, R.I.

Providence Monthly Meeting, held at Providence, last Seventh-day in each month, at 3.30 P.M. Thomas J. Battey, Correspondent, Friends' School, Providence, R.I.

Swansea Monthly Meeting, held last Second-day of each month, at 2.00 P.M. Even months at Fall River, odd months at Somerset. Henry C. Aydelott, Correspondent, 344 Rock street, Fall River, Mass.

South Kingston Monthly Meeting, held at South Kingston, Second-day before the last Fifth-day, before the Quarterly Meeting, at 11 00 A.M. Peter H. Collins, Correspondent, Wood River Junction, R.I.

Salem Quarterly Meeting, held on 3d Fifth-day in First month, at Salem, at 10.00 A.M.

4th Fifth-day in Fifth month, at Amesbury, at 10.00 A.M.

3d Fifth-day in Eighth month, at Lynn, at 10.00 A.M.

3d Fifth-day in Tenth month, at Weare, N.H., at 10.00 A.M.

Salem Monthly Meeting, held at Salem, 2d Fifth-day in First and Fourth months, at 2.30 P.M., 2d Fifth-day in Seventh and Tenth months, at 7.30 P.M.; at Lynn in Second, Third, Eleventh and Twelfth months, at 2.30 P.M.; Fifth Eighth and Ninth months, at 7.30 P.M ; 1st Sixth-day in Sixth month, at 2.30 P.M. William O. Newhall, Correspondent, Lynn, Mass.

Amesbury Monthly Meeting, held 1st Fifth-day in each month; at Amesbury in First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Eighth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth months, at 10.15 A.M.; at Pittsfield in Ninth month, at 10.00 A.M.; at West Newbury in Sixth month, at 10.00 A.M.; at Epping in Second and Seventh months, at 2.00 P.M. Moses Huntington, Correspondent, Amesbury, Mass.

WEARE MONTHLY MEETING, held at North Weare, N.H., in First, Third, Fifth, Seventh, Tenth and Eleventh months, at 10.30 A.M.; at South Weare, N.H., in Second, Fourth, Eighth and Twelfth months, at 10 30 A.M.; at Henniker, N.H., in Sixth and Ninth months, at 10.30 A.M. Lindley H. Osborne, Correspondent, North Weare, N.H.

BOSTON MONTHLY MEETING is held in Boston in First, Third, Fourth, Eighth, Ninth, Eleventh and Twelfth months, on the 2d Sixth-day at 7.45 P.M., and in Sixth month on the 1st Sixth-day. In Lawrence on Fifth-day following the 1st Sixth-day in the Second, Fifth, Seventh and Tenth months, at 7.45 P.M.

SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING is held on the 2d Fifth-day of the months in which it occurs.

First and Fourth months, at New Bedford, Mass., at 11.00 A.M.

Seventh month, at Falmouth, Mass., at 11.30 A.M.

Tenth month, at Sandwich, Mass., at 11.30 A.M.

SANDWICH MONTHLY MEETING, held at Sandwich, Mass., in Second, Fourth, Sixth, Tenth and Twelfth months; at Yarmouth, Mass., in Third, Eighth and Eleventh months; at Falmouth, Mass, in First, Fifth, Seventh and Ninth months. This Monthly Meeting occurs the 1st Sixth-day in each month, excepting in the Seventh and Tenth months, when it is held the Sixth-day after the 2d Fifth-day. James E. Gifford, Correspondent, West Falmouth, Mass.

DARTMOUTH MONTHLY MEETING, held at Allen's Neck, Mass, in First, Fourth, Seventh and Tenth months; at Smith's Neck, Mass., in Second, Fifth, Eighth and Eleventh months; at Apponagansett, Mass., in Third, Sixth, Ninth and Twelfth months. This Monthly Meeting is held the 4th Fourth-day in each month. David H. Potter, Correspondent, Dartmouth, Mass.

WESTPORT MONTHLY MEETING, held at Central Village, Mass., on the 3d Fifth-day of each month, except in Sixth month, when it is held the Seventh-day following the 3d Fifth-day, at 11.00 A.M. James A. Gifford, Correspondent, Central Village, Mass.

NEW BEDFORD MONTHLY MEETING, held at New Bedford, Mass., on the 4th Fifth-day in each month, at 11.00 A.M. John B. Baylies, Correspondent, New Bedford, Mass.

FALMOUTH QUARTERLY MEETING, held on the Seventh and First-days after the last Sixth-day in First, Fifth, Eighth and Tenth months, at 10.00 A.M.

First month, at Lewiston, Me.

Fifth month, at Deering, Me.

Eighth month, at Durham, Me.

Tenth month, at Windham, Me.

Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight held on the day preceding the Quarterly Meeting, at 2.00 P.M.

FALMOUTH MONTHLY MEETING, held at Deering, Me., on 3d Fifth-day in First, Third, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth and Eleventh months; at Portland, Me., in Second, Fourth, Eighth, Tenth and Twelfth months; in Sixth month one week later. Calvin S. Goddard, Correspondent, Woodfords, Me.

DURHAM MONTHLY MEETING, held at South Durham, Me., on Third-day following the 2d Fifth-day in the month, at 10.00 A.M., except in Sixth month, when it is one week later. Henry F. Newell, Correspondent, Brunswick, Me.

WINDHAM MONTHLY MEETING, held Sixth-day following the 3d Fifth-day in the month, except in Sixth month, it is held one week later. Held at Windham, Me., except in Sixth and Ninth months, when it is held at Casco, Me. All meetings at 10.00 A.M. William H. Varney, Correspondent, North Windham, Me.

LEWISTON MONTHLY MEETING, held at Lewiston, Me., Third-day following the 2d Fifth-day in the month, at 7.30 P.M., except Sixth month, when it is one week later. Josiah B. Holder, Correspondent, Lewiston, Me.

SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING, held on the 2d Fifth-day in the month, at 10.30 A.M.
Second month, at Worcester, Mass.
Fifth month, at Northbridge, Mass.
Eighth month, at Bolton, Mass.
Eleventh month, at Woonsocket, R.I.

SMITHFIELD MONTHLY MEETING, held at Woonsocket, R.I., on the last Fifth-day in each month, at 11.00 A.M. Isaac Steere, Correspondent, Harrisville, R.I.

UXBRIDGE MONTHLY MEETING, held at Worcester, Mass., on the Fourth-day before the last Fifth-day in each month, at 7.30 P.M. Daniel Wheeler, Correspondent, Uxbridge, Mass.

BOLTON MONTHLY MEETING, held at Bolton, Mass., on the Fourth-day before the last Fifth-day in each month, at 11.00 A.M. Paul A. Randall, Correspondent, Berlin, Mass.

VASSALBORO QUARTERLY MEETING, held at East Vassalboro, Me., on the 2d Sixth-day in Second and Eleventh months.
2d Sixth-day in Ninth month, at Vassalboro, Me.
Last Sixth-day in Fifth month, at China, Me.
William H. Cates, Correspondent.

UNITY MONTHLY MEETING, held at Unity, Me., Sixth-day after 3d Fifth-day in each month, except Seventh, Eighth and Ninth months, when held at Brooks, Me. Clement R. Jones, Correspondent.

MAPLE GROVE MONTHLY MEETING, held at Maple Grove, Me., last Seventh-day in each month. William Penn Varney, Correspondent.

VASSALBORO MONTHLY MEETING, held Third-day after the 2d Fifth-day alternately at Vassalboro, Me., and East Vassalboro, Me., commencing at Vassalboro, Me., in First month, except Sixth month, when held Third-day after Yearly Meeting closes. William H. Cates, Correspondent.

CHINA MONTHLY MEETING, held at China, Me., Fourth-day after 2d Fifth-day in the Third, Fourth, Seventh, Ninth, Eleventh and Twelfth months. South China, Me., First, Fifth, Eighth and Tenth months. At West China, Me., Second and Sixth months. All at 10.00 o'clock. In Sixth month, the week after the Yearly Meeting closes. Alfred H. Jones, Correspondent.

DOVER QUARTERLY MEETING, held at Gonic, N.H., on Seventh-day after the 1st Fifth-day in First month, at 11.00 A.M.

Seventh-day after 3d Fifth-day in Fourth month, at Dover, N.H., at 11.00 A.M.

Seventh-day after the 3d Fifth-day in Eighth month, at North Berwick, Me., at 10.30 A.M.

Seventh-day after 3d Fifth-day in Tenth month, at Rochester, N.H., at 10.30 A.M.

Samuel Buffum, Correspondent, North Berwick, Me.

DOVER MONTHLY MEETING, held on Fourth-day before the 2d Fifth-day in each month, at Rochester, N.H., in the First, Third, Fifth, Ninth and Eleventh months; at Dover. N.H., in Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth and Twelfth months; at Gonic, N.H., in Second and Seventh months. All at 10.30 A.M. William P. Tuttle, Correspondent, Dover, N.H.

BERWICK MONTHLY MEETING, held at North Berwick, Me., on 3d Fifth-day in each month, at 10.30 A.M. Samuel Buffum, Correspondent, North Berwick, Me.

FAIRFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING, held at Winthrop, Me., on Seventh-day after 1st Sixth-day in Second month, at 10.00 A.M.

Seventh-day before last Sixth-day in Fifth month, at Manchester, Me.

Seventh-day after 1st Sixth-day in Ninth month, at Winthrop, Me.

Seventh-day after 1st Sixth-day in Eleventh month, at Fairfield, Me.

WINTHROP MONTHLY MEETING, held on last Sixth-day in the month, at 10.00 A.M., at Winthrop, Me., in Third, Sixth, Ninth and Twelfth months; at Manchester, Me., in First, Fourth, Seventh and Tenth months; at West Gardiner, Me., in Second, Fifth, Eighth and Eleventh months. Levi Jones, Correspondent, Winthrop, Me.

SIDNEY MONTHLY MEETING, held the 4th Fifth-day in each month, except in the Fifth month, when it is held the 3d Fifth-day, at 10.00 A.M., at Sidney, Me., Second, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth and Twelfth months; at Fairfield, Me., First, Third, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth and Eleventh months. Asa Shepard, Correspondent, Centre Sidney, Me.

ST. ALBANS MONTHLY MEETING, held at St. Albans, Me., the Third-day before 4th Fifth-day in each month, at 10.00 A.M. Cyrus Estes, Correspondent, St. Albans, Me.

PARSONSFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING, held at East Parsonsfield, Me., on Seventh-day after 1st Sixth-day in Ninth month, and Seventh-day after 2d Fifth-day in First month, at 10.00 A.M.

Seventh-day after 1st Sixth-day in Eleventh month, and Seventh-day after 3d Fifth-day in Fifth month, at North Sandwich, N.H., at 10.00 A.M.

PARSONSFIELD MONTHLY MEETING, held at East Parsonsfield, Me., on Fourth-day before the 3d Fifth-day in each month, at 10.00 A.M. Silas H. Cartland, Correspondent, East Parsonsfield, Me.

SANDWICH MONTHLY MEETING, held at North Sandwich, N.H., on 2d Fifth-day in each month, except First month, when it is held on the 1st Fifth-day, at 10.00 A.M. Russell Hoag, Correspondent, North Sandwich, N.H.

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